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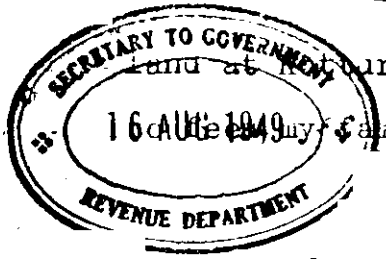
SRINIVASAMURTHY, B. L., SATYANARAYANPET,

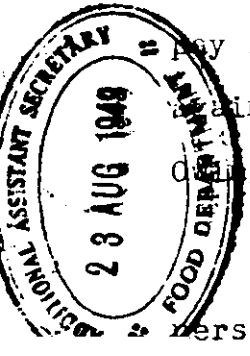
BELLARY 15th Aug. 1949.

My dear Seetharamareddy,

1. I own about 3 acres of wet land at Kottaru. The yield this year is just enough my family of 10 ch



Kottur tank irrigates about 00 acres of land. In october 1948 there was heavy rains and overflow of water from the tank I had to pay for seeds and manure for the 2nd time. Then - again 1½ acres of land was sown for the 2nd crop. Owing to drying up of the tank, the 2nd crop failed.



3. Majority of ryots and land owners at Kotturu are cholam eaters. They all agreed o give 2 bags per acre. At this rate the paddy was ollected. On an average the yield was 10 bags per - cre. By this action of the procurement officers Govt. ost good amount of surplus and ~~that~~ at the same time free ~~free~~ blackmarketing at prices raising from Rs 42 to Rs 60 s going on even to-day.

4/ In december 48 I got the first instalment of 3 bags of paddy and another instalment 6 bags in Jan. '49. I applied for permit to the Tahsildar, Kudlig on 18-1-49. In the meanwhile, the F. S. O Reddy in presence of Tahsildar entered the house of my ryot Halli Kotrappa and forcibly took away one bag of mi in my absence, even though the Tahsildar was told t the paddy belonged to me. On receipt of a letter f my ryot, I wrote a complaint to the Tasildar and als sent my son (a graduate) to get the bag released and to get the permit. The Tasildar refused to do soit On 26-1-49 I again wrote a D. O. which also had no effect on the Tasildar. The result of these two co mplaints was, another 2 bags were procured from the House of Kotrappa, without granting any permit to me on 5-2-49 and without notice to me. On receipt of letter from Kotrappa, I approached the D. S. O., Bellary on 9-2-49 and lodged my ~~client~~ Complaint. He ordered the Tasildar to release the 3 bags immediately. Th

The Tasildar refused to carry out the orders inspite of the Telegrams from the D. S. O. On 10-2-49 I complained to the Sub Collector, Hospet. The Tasildar got busy. He proceeded to Kottur and took a false statement from Halli Kotrappa under official pressure, to the effect that the procured paddy belonged to him and no to me. Then again he had trouble with my Harijan ryot Huguppa. He refused to give a statement. He was threatened and forced to put his thumb impression to a false statement at midnight. His thumb impression was taken on a receipt for Rs 36-8-0 when he was actually paid Rs 31-8-0. Then the Tasildar gave an endorsement on 19-2-49 to the effect that my allegations were without foundation. I found myself in an embasing situation. I saw with my eyes the 3 bags were missing and the -- ryots stated that they gave statements under official pressure and threats.

5/ The Sub Collector, Hospet never cared to acknowledge my complaint dated 10-2-49. The D. S. O was helpless. The only remedy was to approach the Collector. I ~~pet~~

petitioned to him on 8-3-49. He ordered the Sub Collec Hospet to enquire and report. On 16-3-49 I visited the village of Kotturu and personally verified the fact. The Tahsildar came up to me at Kotturu. I questioned his conduct in the matter of taking statements from my ryots and payment of Rs 31-8-0 at midnight to Muguppa. Tahsildar denied. Hence Muguppa was examined in my presence. He stated that he was forced to take Rs 31-8-0 at midnight on 19-2-49 and also a thumb impression was taken. Immediately the Tahsildar turned round and said that he would return the 2 bags as they belonged to me and not to Muguppa. At the same time the Tahsildar in my presence threatened the Harijan to prosecute under some other rule for speaking the truth before me. Immediately after my return to Bellary I gave a fresh complaint stating the above facts to the Collector.

b/ On 16-3-49 I got an endorsement from the Sub Collector, Hospet to the effect that he was satisfied with the action of the Tahsildar. Immediately I contacted

the Collector, who at first ordered the D. S. O. to make enquiries but later as a matter of courtesy preferred to wait for the Sub Collector's report. There was further delay of 2½ months. In the meanwhile, the Tahsildar was not inactive. He began to issue surplus notices under intensive procurement rules to me and my ryots so that he could get off with the remaining bags, with Halli Kotrappa. The District Collector cancelled these notices. Then he asked his F. S. O to issue same notices on my ryots as a counter to the Collector's -- orders.

7/ On 1-6-49 the Collector gave me a permit for 18 bags and asked the Tasildar to return 2 bags on pain of disciplinary action. As a counter, the Tahsildar procured 2 bags and 40 seers of my paddy on 17-6-49 and refused to give the paddy according to the collector's memo. Further he confiscated the Ration Card of Muguppa on 23-6-49, who ran up to me at Bellary. The collector ordered the D. S. O to proceed to Kotturu and make enquiries. On 2-7-49 the D. S. O. got a fresh card issued to the Harijan as the original card seized on 23-6-49

was misplaced. Thus the Harijan and his family were without rations from 26-6-49 to 2-7-49 [even on the 30th, the Harijan Day].

8/ After the receipt of the D. S. O.'s report, the Collector, on 9-7-49, gave an endorsement returning the disputed 6 bags and asked the Tahsildar to carry out his orders atonce.

9/ I went to Kotturu on 6-8-49 to get my paddy after delay of 8 months. I met the Tahsildar at Hudligi. He said that he had instructed the F. S. O. to return the bags and that I would not have any furhter trouble. I saw the F. S. O. at Kotturu who refused to give any paddy as he had no instructions from the Tahsildar. Thus I was misled by the Tahsildar. On 7-8-49 I tried to book the remaining bags with my ryots. At the bus-stand the F. S. O took away 2 bags inspite of my protest. On 8-8-49 the local people assembled around me and gave oral complaints against the F.S.O (Reddy), Karnam, and Tahsildar. The F. S. O got nervous and preferred to obey collector's orders and gave

ne 6 bags of paddy which was transported to Bellary. The Tahsildar got scent of this and as a counter has issued a surplus notice under intensive procurement rules on 10-8-49 to deliver 274 seers of paddy for 2nd crop though he knew that crops completely failed for want of water in the tank, with out mentioning anything to me when I met him on 6th and 8th August.

10/ I have appealed to the Collector and informed the D. S. O who is disgusted with his conduct. I must say the change in the Collector has emboldened him to - issued this false and vexatious notice. Mr Allardice was Vexed with the actions of the Tahsildar.

11/ All appeals against the Tahsildar's orders are pending before the collector Bellary.

12/ Out of great worry I have addressed you, Premier, and Commissioner for Civil Supplies at the same time.

13/ Do you think such a Tahsildar will help you in the "Grow More Food" campaign? Is he a Tahsildar under a -- democratic congress Government? What is this harassment for 8 months? Is it the officer has got immunity in

the matter of procurement? I have roamed about these 8 months and spent Rs 100/- for expenses. Still the - vanity and vengefulness of the Tahsildar is not quenched

14 Will you please exercise your powers to give me relief and deal suitably with the Tahsildar and his subordinates.

15 Excuse me this is a pretty long and the file with the Collector is pretty big. Please have the patience to do justice.

I remain,

Yours Sincerely,

16 There is documentary and oral evidence to support all the charges.

Complaint against the Tahsildar

Jno G.

J. A.S.

Procurement of paddy

Food U.O. (They will doubt circulate the case to H.M(L.R) w.r.t. his memo on (P.1-ante)

Rev. dept

Food and Agri (C)

Endt no. 34774 C/cg – I dated 26-8-cg

Pl. issue urgently

Ex(a) 27/8/cg 26/8/cg

Referred to the Collector of Bellary for very urgent ~~compliance~~ report thro' the Bd of Rev

Sd/- 24.8.cg.

26/8/cg 26/8/cg

The Coll of Bellary (with encl. pps 1-8 above) for urgent report to the Bd of Rev (with encl pps 1-8 above)

1. Fs. 18.9.cg

Ex R issued on 19/9/cg

NR. 10/X/cg

C/N. Please see the ltr. from Sri R. V. Srinivasa Murthy Dse. Bk., addressed to HM (L. R.) and the minutes of HM (L. R.) on p 1 above. A draft endt is submitted above for approval.

Sd/- 24.8.cg.

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INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY
15 OCT 1949
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPT.

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From
Sri N.V. Sugavanam,
Collector, Bellary.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Food and Agricultural Dept.,
Fort St., George,
M a d r a s.

Through
The Secretary to the Board of
Revenue, Civil Supplies,
Bhepauk, Madras.

Rc.No. 2564/49 N.2. dated 7-10-1949.

Sir,

Sub: Civil Supplies - Procurement - Bellary District - Kudligi taluk - Kettur village - Procurement of paddy from Sri R.V. Srinivasa Moorthy Vakil - Bellary - Report Submitted.

Ref: 1. Board's N.Ref.007605/VIII/49-1 CS dated 24.8.49.
2. Government Food & Agrl. Department Endt.No.3477-C (illegible) 49-1 dated 26.8.49.
3. Board's Ref.No.007605/VIII/49-2 CS d/10.9.49.

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Sri R.V. Srinivasa Moorthi, Vakil, Bellary is the owner of S.Nos. 463 A, 405 C, 964 and 865 in Kettur village of Kudligi taluk. The lands are leased out by him and he gets half the produce from the lands towards his share. Extracts of A & B Registers, showing the yield, allowances, surplus etc. are enclosed.

2. The allegations in the petitions cited necessitate the tracing of the history of the case from the beginning.

3. The facts on record show that the petitioner applied for a permit to the Tahsildar, Kudligi through the Ration Officer Bellary for transporting paddy for his household consumption as he was a resident in the rationed area at Bellary. As the permit was not received by him soon, the petitioner gave a petition to the District Supply Officer, Bellary on 9.2.49 complaining that he had stocked his share of paddy (9 bags) got from his fileds in the house of the lessee Halli Ketrappa and out of that stock 3 bags of paddy were procured by the Tahsildar. The ~~Tal~~ District Supply Officer immediately sent the petition in original to the Tahsildar directing him to release the 3 bags procured, if the amount for it was not paid, as the requirements of the petitioner were represented to be about 20 bags. The District Supply Officer also reminded the Tahsildar by a telegram dated 21.2.49 to expedite his report. The Tahsildar reported in his Rc. 380/49 B3 dated 19.2.49 that an intimation was received by him from the Ration Officer, Bellary stating that the petitioner was eligible only for 10 bags of paddy for the year for his household consumption, and that nothing was procured from the petitioner by them, though there was a procurable balance of 6 bags. The 3 bags of the petitioner alleged to have been procured belonged to his lessees and that two of the lessees viz. H. Ketrappa and Meegappa had given for procurement 1 and 2 bags on 13.1.49 and 6.2.49 respectively after receiving payment for the same. It is submitted that some confusion has prevailed regarding the ownership of these bags, since the petitioner's son is reported to have stocked 9 bags of paddy, the petitioner's share of the produce from S.Nos. 463 A and 405 C and 2 bags of Meegappa to be given to procurement,

in the house of the lessee H. Ketrappa.
lessee Moogappa - 6 bags representing the petitioners share and 2 bags belonging to Moogappa, representing procurement levy - and stored in the house of H. Ketrappa. The Tahsildar also reported that he issued on 19.2.49 a transport permit for 10 bags of paddy and a requisition order to the petitioner for surrehdering the surplus of 6 bags of paddy. Meanwhile a petition dated 8.3.49 narrating the above facts and requesting the Collector to cancel or suspend the requisition order issued by the Tahsildar was received from the petitioner. It was forwarded in original to the Sub Collector, Hospet on 11.3.49 for enquiry and immediate report. The Tahsildar Kudligi was also informed that the requisition order issued by him to the petitioner for 6 bags of paddy was held in abeyance till orders were finally passed by the Collector. Meanwhile the Sub Collector, Hospet on a petition filed before him by the petitioner, had also passed orders in his L.Dis.1432/49 dated 13.3.49 stating that the Tahsildar had procured 3 bags of paddy from the lessees and that the action of the Tahsildar was in accordance with the procurement rules. The petitioner also filed another petition dated 15.3.49 before the Collector. In this petition it was alleged that - (1) a receipt was issued to the lessee Moogappa by the Tahsildar for Rs.36-8-0 when actually Rs.31-8-0 was paid by the latter and that Moogappa's thumb impressions were taken on this receipt in the midnight. It was also alleged that (2) the procurement staff were collecting at a flat rate of 2 bags per acre at Kottur which inturn encouraged black-marketting in the case of big landlords and caused hardship in the case of small ryots. This petition was also forwarded to the Sub Collector Hospet in continuation of the previous petition for report. The Sub Collector reported in his L.Dis.2504/49 that the orders already passed by him in his L.Dis.1432/49 dated 13-3-49 were correct that the promises for procurement were taken at a certain flatrate, but at the time of actual procurement the details such ac yield, allowances, house hold consumption etc. were considered and that the petitioners representation that procurement was done at a flatrate of 2 bags per acre was wrong. The Sub Collector also reported that the Tahsildar's action in issuing a demand notice for 6 bags was right.

4. On a scrutiny of the extracts of A & B registers submitted by the Tahsildar, it was noticed by the Collector that the petitioner's three lessees were shown to be having some surpluses of the previous year which were carried over to the current year. The Collector considered it improvable that the three lessees of the petitioner who were cultivating small extents of lands on lease could have surpluses of previous year. The Collector held that the lessee H. Ketrappa had no surplus to deliver and the second lessee Moogappa had a surplus of only 120 seers and the third lessee had a surplus of 486 seers. The Tahsildar was therefore directed to return the excess over the above quantities procured from the above ryots i.e. one bag to Ketrappa, 80 seers to Moogappa if they were willing to refund the value they had received. On a scrutiny of the petitioners ration card which showed 15 units, his annual requirements for personal consumption were calculated to be 1800 seers of paddy. The Tahsildar was therefore directed by the Collector to permit the petitioner to move upto 18 bags of 1800 seers of paddy to Bellary. It was also pointed out to the Tahsildar that there should be no delay in the issue of the permit.

5. A further petition dated 13.6.49 from Sri R.V.S. Moorthy was received. He represented that unless the three bags procured from the lessees Ketrappa and Moogappa were returned to him he could not have 18 bags for being moved to Bellary. From this it was inferred that the lessees had informed the petitioner that the paddy procured the petitioner that the paddy procured from them (lessees) was out of his (petitioner's) share. This could not be accepted because the two lessees received the money in their names and obtained E form receipts in their names. The extract of A & B Registers also showed that they had paddy to their share which was admitted by the petitioner. The petitioner.

The petitioner was therefore informed accordingly and was also told by t Collector that it was for him to obtain his share of paddy from his lessees and that the Collector had nothing to do in the matter.

6. Another petition dated 21.6.49 in which it was alleged that the Firka Supply Officer had removed (procured) 480 seers of paddy from the lessee Nandappa was received from the petitioner. In this office reference 2654/49 N2 dated 27.6.49 he was informed that the Tahsildar was instructed to return the paddy procured by the Firka Supply Officer if the lessee stated that the stock belonged to the petitioner.

7. On 29-6-49 a petition was received from Sri R.V.S. Moorthy in which it was alleged that the Tahsildar did not issue the permit for transporting the paddy to Bellary though he had sent his son in person for obtaining it. It was also alleged that the lessee Moogappa (harijan) was illtreated, his ration card seized and that he was starving. A petition was also received on 30-6-49 from Moogappa in which it was alleged that the Tahsildar summoned him at about 11 O' clock in the night to the chavadi at Kettur and was forced to receive Rs.31-8-0 towards cost of paddy procured from him and affix his thumb impression. It was also alleged that the Firka Supply Officer took away his ration card and that he was taken by the Firka Supply Officer and the Tahsildar to the Co-operative Stores where his thumb impression was taken.

On receipt of these petitions the District Supply Officer was deputed to make a denovo enquiry into all the allegations made by Sri R.V. Srinivasamoorthy and his lessees, from time to time. The enquiry revealed that the lessee Moogappa sold away all the six bags of paddy which he got to his share and that the two bags which were taken from Kotrappa's house for procurement on his account, belonged to Sri R.V.S. Moorthy. Sri R.V.S. Moorthy was therefore informed that these two bags of paddy would be returned to him through Moogappa. The allegation that Rs.31-8-0 only was paid to Moogappa while a receipt for Rs.36-8-0 was taken was not proved. The enquiry also revealed that H. Kotrappa had disposed of his share of 3 bags of paddy and that the one bag procured from him belonged to Sri R.V.S. Moorthy. The Tahsilda was instructed to return the one bag after receiving back the money. The enquiry further revealed that out of 480 seers of paddy procured from Nandappa 240 seers belonged to the petitioner (Sri N.V.S.Moorthi) that there were 7 bags of paddy belonging to Sri N.V.S. Moorthi stored in the house of Nandappa. On a scrutiny regarding the issue of permit for 1800 seers to the petitioner it was noticed that the calculation wa wrongly made at the rate of 120zs. where as he was entitled only to 10 ozs. of rice per adult per day as he was not ~~a s he was not~~ a cultiv ryot. The petitioner was therefore asked to move only 1522 seers of paddy. On the date of issue of this permit, the petitioner had sixteen bags of paddy six bags with his lessees Moogappa and Moogappa Kotrappa, three bags added to be returned by the Collector and seven bags with his lessee Nandappa. During the investigation it was also found that the Firka Supply Officer took the ration card of Moogappa on 23.6.49 and mislaid it. A fresh card was issued to Moogappa on 2.7.

8. As the enquiry further revealed that Moogappa had sold six bags of paddy his share of the produce in black-market, to persons other than those authorised by the Collector in violation of clause 6 A of the foodgrains Intensive Procurement Order 1948, sanction has been accorded to prosecute Moogappa in this office Rc.2564/49 N2 dated 15-7-1949.

9. Petitions dated 9.8.49 and 14.8.49 were again received from Sri R.V.S. Moorthi stating that he should be allowed 2 bags of paddy towards seed requirements as by custom at Kettur the landlord, supplies seeds to the lessees. In Collector's Rc.2564/49 N2 dated 30-7-49 he was informed that his request cannot be complied with as he is not a cultivating ryot. In one of these petitions it was alleged that the Firka Supply Officer took away 2 bags of paddy at the bus stand when he was transporting them to Bellary. The allegation has been referred to the Tahsildar Kudligi for report. In his petition dated 14.8.49 Sri N.V.S. moorthi has complained that the Tahsildar has served a demand notice on him for delivering 274 seers of paddy from the second crop paddy raised e in his fields, though the crop, as alleged by him, has completely failed. This petition has also been referred to the Tahsildar for report.

10. From the details mentioned above it is seen that the matter is under correspondence from the last 8 months, and that all allegations made by the petitioner from time to time have been enquired into and mistakes set right then and there. It is also submitted that an amount of confusion has prevailed all through, mainly because the petitioner stored his shre of the produce in the houses of his lessees. One of them sold away some of it in blackmarket. The two lessees f gave varying statements regarding the ownership of this stock before the Tahsildar Kudligi, Sub Collector, Hospet and the District Supply Officer Bellary and gave altogether a coloured and exaggerated version of the events to their landlord (Sri R.V.S.Moorthi). As a result of this confusion created by the lessees a portion of the petitioner's stock was or might have been procured by the Tahsildar and it had to be later ordered to be returned to the petitioner by the Collector. The confusion that prevailed complicated the matter resulting in protracted correspondence and enquiries and consequently there has been an unavoidable delay in the petitioner getting his paddy. The petitioner states that he has brought only 1100 seers of paddy out of the 1522 seers of paddy for which permit was granted to him. Reports from the Tahsildar, Kudligi are awaited and necessary orders will be passed after the receipt of the reports from the Tahsildar.

Lastly, it cannot also be denied that the petitions in question throw ample evidence as to how reluctant and unwilling pepole are to tender their surplus, by keeping their stocks in various places and each one giving a version as he likes.

Board's N.Reference cited is resubmitted.

21/x Ramachandra
For Collector. 11/10/49

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Copy submitted to the Secretary to Government, Food and Agricultural Department, Fort St. George, Madras.

Food and Agri (S)

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Copy of the Coll's reports sent thro' the Bel. pp 11-14 above may be perused. The Bel's remarks thereon may be awaited till ~~30-~~ 11.49.

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INIVASAMURTHY, B. SC., B. L.,
VAKIL,
SATYANARAYANPET,
BELLARY 15/11/49

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
19 NOV 1949

Dear Sir. Roche Victoria, I have the honour to learn as Food Minister. I request you not to misunderstand me in the frank expression of feeling which is the outcome personal experience. I am a lawyer of 2- years standing owning 100 acres of dry land and 10 acres of wet land. It is my ambition than any agriculturists must rule the land and none others need have any hand in it.

During the debate in the Madras legislative Assembly on 12.11.49 it is reported that you said that the Govt were continuously striving to eliminate inconveniences as far as possible. Still deviate officials have strict instructions to do all they can to prevent harassment Every case of harassment brought to notice of the Govt was carefully enquired into and suitable action thereafter taken.

This statement by you exasperated me, if not pained me. I wonder if your subordinate

misdeeds of the Govt. - Well sir, British people soulless, heartless administrative machinery, admit. It is a tragedy They did not inherit this machinery in their packing. Yes, the Congress Ministers are using this machinery you appeal to this machinery to change its colours & mentality. But the only remedy, I suggest in the interest of democracy & Congress Govt, that either Throw the whole machinery into the Bay of Bengal or whip them properly whenever there are complaints from the Public I do not understand Why elected, popular Ministers have no courtesy to acknowledge the public complaints. There is no point in forwarding the same to the officials whose prestige dies very hard.

I may further tell you that you have created an artificial corrupt life both in the officials and non-officials as a result of introducing

of system of controls and procurement. It is high time that the Civil Supplies department is abolished.

This year 1948-49, after spending money and energy I got about 1600 seers of paddy from my wet lands at Kolavoru, Kudligi taluk Bellary District, to feed my family of 10 children. This quantity was quite insufficient to feed my family and to provide for seeds. Still, the Tahsildar took away one bag, I protested. He took away 2 bags. I protested. He took away 2½ bags. I protested. Again he took away 2½ bags. I complained to the D.S.O, Sub collector Harper DC's Asst collector. I interviewed the District Collector not less than 24 times, the D.S.O. — equal number of times. After 6 months delay I was given a permit for transport. In the middle of August I was able to get 11 bags of paddy for personal consumption, being deprived of 2 bags at the bus stand.

Now my lands are lying fallow for want of seeds. I banged at the door of the collector

P 18.

No response. I barge at the door of Agriculture Department – no response. Now I am banging at the door of the Board of Revenue. I fear it may be too late before I get relief.

I make a present of the story of the harassment by your Subordinates for these 10 months. I have complained to the Premier, Land Revenue Minister, Harijan minister, the Commissioner for food, the Board of Revenue on the Independent Day anniversary.

~~If you are~~ I request you to see the file and see how Govt's ~~not~~ strict & strenuous instructions are followed by your subordinate officials.

Yours faithfully,

[signature]

15/11/49.

Food and Agri;

Pl. minute/report/Tegno no. 34774C/49– 2 dated. 30.11.49

Sub: Procurement – Foodgrains – Bellary Dt. – Kudligi Tk. – Hotter village – Allegation against the Tahsildar – Petition from Sri R. V. Srinivasa Murthy, Vakil, Bellary – Report – Called for

Ref: Govt Endt no 34774C/49-1 Food A dt 2.6.49

2) From the Collr of Bellary – Rc no. 2564/49 IV2 dt 7.10.

30/11/49

1-30 PM

30/11/49

The attention of the Bd of Rev (CS) is invited to the Collr's Report, second cited and it is requested to expedite its remarks thereon.

25/11/49

26/11/49

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The Bd of Rev (CS)

30/11/49

ON Please see the br. from Sri RV Srinivasavaranam on pp 15– 18 CP He has criticised the Govt statements and the

Speedy Pro S/letter,

Memo no. B4774 C/49-23 dated. 3-12-49

Food and Agri (

To

Sri R. V. Srinivasamurthy B.Sc., B.L.,
Vakil, Satyanarayanpet
Bellary

Sir.

Sub: PVOR ... Petitions ... Bellary

Dh. Complaint against the Tahsildar ... Sri. R. V. Srinivasamurthy B.Sc. B.L. Vakil Bellary

Ref: Letter dated 15.8.49 and 15.11.49.

and
Dt. 1/X-1-CF.

Sri. R. V. Srinivasamurthy is informed that the matter is under investigation and orders will be passed in due course.

1-12-49.

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Exd 3.1.49

C3 No 8/12/49 60464

BOARD OF REVENUE (CIVIL SUPPLIES)

Subject

Procurement -Foodgrains - Bellary district -Kudligi taluk - Kotekunte village - Allegation against the Tahsildar -Petition from Sri.K.V.Srinivasamurthy,Vakil,Bellary - Interim report submitted.

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Board's Ref.No.007605/U.II/49 d/6.12.49.

SRI. C. K. VIJAYARAGHAVAN, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

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Sri.K.Subba Rao,B.A.,
Joint Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

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Read:- Government Memo No.34774/C/49-2 d/30.11.49.

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The Board submits that the matter is under consideration and that its report will be submitted shortly.

V. K. Balakrishnan
FOR JOINT SECRETARY. 7/12/49

To the Secretary to Government,Food and Agriculture Dept.Madras
L.F.o.12.

Usk 6/12/49. To AS Submitted. N.R on 28.12.49. ijmcmo

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BOARD OF REVENUE(CIVIL SUPPLIES)

Subject:

Procurement - Foodgrains - Bellary district - Kudligi taluk - Kotturu village - Procurement of paddy from Sri R.V.Srinivasamurthy, Vakil, Bellary - Complaint against Tahsildar - Report submitted -

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Board's Ref:007605/UIII/49-5 (CS)
Dated 12th December 1949.

From

Sri N.S. ARUNACHALAM, I.C.S.,
Director of Civil Supplies.

Sri K.Subba Rao, B.A.,
Jt.Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Read: 1) Government Endorsement No.34774/C/49-1 Food and Agriculture dated 26-8-49.
2) From the Collector of Bellary, Rc.No.2564/49-N2 dated 7-10-49.

Submitted to G[illegible].

2. The Board submits that the report of the Collector of Bellary second cited discloses no serious defect on the part of the Tahsildar or other officers concerned in the whole affair, except the inordinate delay at every stage of the enquiry etc. This delay is being pointed out to the Collector. The Board submits that in the circumstances stated by the Collector, no action seems called for on the petition and that a suitable reply may be given to the petitioner.

K.R.Srinivasan
13/12/49
FOR JOINT SECRETARY.

To
The Secretary to Government,
Food and Agriculture Department,Madras (with Encls.) para 1 and 2.

Copy to the Collector of Bellary(whole)

sk.12/12.

3. The facts on record show that the petitioner applied for a permit to the Tahsildar, Kudligi through the Ration Officer Bellary for transporting paddy for his household consumption as he was a resident in the rationed area at Bellary. As the permit was not received by him soon, the petitioner gave a petition to the District Supply Officer, Bellary on 9.2.49 complaining that he had stocked his share of paddy (9 bags) got from his fields in the house of the lessee Halli Kotrappa and out of that stock 3 bags of paddy were procured by the Tahsildar. The ~~Tal~~ District Supply Officer immediately sent the petition in original to the Tahsildar directing him to release the 3 bags procured, if the amount for it was not paid, as the requirements of the petition were represented to be about 20 bags. The Distric Supply Officer also reminded the Tahsildar by a telegram dated 21.2.49 to expedite his report. The Tahsildar reported in his Rc. 380/49 B3 dated 19.2.49 that an intimation was received by him from the Ration Officer, Bellary stating that the petitioner was eligible only for 10 bags of paddy for the year for his household consumption, and that nothing was procured from the petitioner by them, though there was a procurable balance of 6 bags. The 3 bags of the petitioner alleged to have been procured belonged to his lessees and that two of the lessees viz. H. Kotrappa and Moogappa had given for procurement 1 and 2 bags on 13.1.49 and 6.2.49 respectively after receiving payment for the same. It is submitted that some confusion has prevailed regarding the ownership of these bags, since the petitioner's son is reported to have stocked 9 bags of paddy, the petitioner's share of the produce from S.Nos. 463 A and 405 C and 2 bags of Moogappa to be given to procurement,

in the house of the lessee H. Kotrappa. 6 bags were taken from the lessee Moogappa - 6 bags representing the petitioners share and 2 bags belonging to Moogappa, representing procurement levy - and stored in the house of H. Kotrappa. The Tahsildar also reported that he issued on 19.2.49 a transport permit for 10 bags of paddy and a requisition order to the petitioner for surrendering the surplus of 6 bags of paddy. Meanwhile a petition dated 8.3.49 narrating the above facts and requesting the Collector to cancel or suspend the requisitic order issued by the Tahsildar was received from the petitioner. It was forwarded in original to the Sub Collector, Hospet on 11.3.49 for enquiry and immediate report. The Tahsildar Kudligi was also informec that the requisition order issued by him to the petitioner for 6 bags of paddy was held in abeyance till orders were finally passed by the Collector. Meanwhile the Sub Collector, Hospet on a petition filed be him by the petitioner, had also passed orders in his L.Dis.1432/49 dated 13.3.49 stating that the Tahsildar had procured 3 bags of paddy from the lessees and that the action of the Tahsildar was in accordanc with the procurement rules. The petitioner also filed another petitic dated 15.3.49 before the Collector. In this petition it was alleged that - (1) a receipt was issued to the lessee Moogappa by the Tahsilda for Rs.36-8-0 when actually Rs.31-8-0 was paid by the latter and that Moogappa's thumb impressions were taken on this receipt in the midni It was also alleged that (2) the procurement staff were collecting at flat rate of 2 bags per acre at Kottur which inturn encouraged black-marketting in the case of big landlords and caused hardship in the ca of small ryots. This petition was also forwarded to the Sub Collecto Hospet in continuation of the previous petition for report. The Sub Collector reported in his L.Dis.2504/49 that the orders already passec by him in his L.Dis.1432/49 dated 13-3-49 were correct that the promises for procurement were taken at a certain flatrate, but at the time of actual procurement the details such as yield, allowances, hou hold consumption etc. were considered and that the petitioners repre-sentation that procurement was done at a flatrate of 2 bags per acre was wrong. The Sub Collector also reported that the Tahsildar's action in issuing a demand notice for 6 bags was right.

4. On a scrutiny of the extracts of A & B registers submitted by the Tahsildar, it was noticed by the Collector that the petitioner's three lessees were shown to be having some surpluses of the previous year which were carried over to the current year. The Collector considered it improbable that the three lessees of the petitior who were cultivating small extents of lands on lease could have surpluses of previous year. The Collector held that the lessee H. Kotrappa had no surplus to deliver and the second lessee Moogappa had a surplus of onl 120 seers and the third lessee had a surplus of 486 seers. The Tahsildar was therefore directed to return the excess over the above quantities procured from the above ryots i.e. one bag to Kotrappa, 80 seers to Moogappa if they were willing to refund the value they had received. On a scrutiny of the petitioners ration card which showed 15 units, his annual requirements for personal consumption were calculated to be 1800 seers of paddy. The Tahsildar was therefore directed by the Collector to permit the petitioner to move upto 18 bags of 1800 seers of paddy to Bellary. It was also pointed out to the Tahsildar that there should be no delay in the issue of the permit.

5. A further petition dated 13.6.49 from Sri R.V.S. Moorthy was received. He represented that unless the three bags procurec from the lessees Kotrappa and Moogappa were returned to him he could not have 18 bags for being moved to Bellary. From this it was inferred that the lessees had informed the petitioner that the paddy procured ~~the petitioner that the paddy procured~~ from them (lessees) was out of his (petitioner's) share. This could not be accepted because the two lessees received the money in their names and obtained E form receipts in their names. The extract of A & B Registers also showed that they had paddy to their share which was admitted by the petitioner.

9. Petitions dated 9.8.49 and 14.8.49 were again received from Sri R.V.S. Moorthi stating that he should be allowed 2 bags of paddy towards seed requirements as by custom at Kottur the landlord, supplies seeds to the lessees. In Collector's Rc.2564/49 N2 dated 30-7-49 he was informed that his request cannot be complied with as he is not a cultivating ryot. In one of these petitions it was alleged that the Firka Supply Officer took away 2 bags of paddy at the bus stand when he was transporting them to Bellary. The allegation ha been referred to the Tahsildar Kudligi for report. In his petition dated 14.8.49 Sri N.V.S. moorthi has complained that the Tahsildar has served a demand notice on him for delivering 274 seers of paddy from t second crop paddy raised in his fields, though the crop, as alleged by him, has completely failed. This petition has also been referred t the Tahsildar for report.

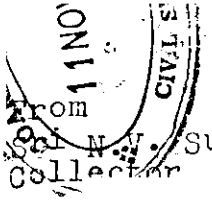
10. From the details mentioned above it is seen that the matter is under correspondence from the last 8 months, and that all allegatio made by the petitioner from time to time have been enquired into and mistakes set right then and there. It is also submitted that an amoun of confusion has prevailed all through, mainly because the petitioner stored his share of the produce in the houses of his lessees. One of them sold away some of it in blackmarket. The two lessees gave varying statements regarding the ownership of this stock before the Tahsildar Kudligi, Sub Collector, Hospet and the District Supply Offic Bellary and gave altogether a coloured and exaggerated version of the events to their landlord (Sri R.V.S.Moorthi). As a result of this con fusion created by the lessees a portion of the petitioner's stock was or might have been procured by the Tahsildar and it had to be later ordered to be returned to the petitioner by the Collector. The confus that prevailed complicated the matter resulting in protracted corres- pondence and enquiries and consequently there has been an unavoidable delay in the petitioner getting his paddy. The petitioner states that he has brought only 1100 seers of paddy out of the 1522 seers of paddy for which permit was granted to him. Reports from the Tahsildar, Kudligi are awaited and necessary orders will be passed after the receipt of the reports from the Tahsildar.

The petitioner was therefore informed accordingly and was also told by Collector that it was for him to obtain his share of paddy from his lessees and that the Collector had nothing to do in the matter.

6. Another petition dated 21.6.49 in which it was alleged that the Firka Supply Officer had removed (procured) 480 seers of paddy from the lessee Nandappa was received from the petitioner. In this office reference 2654/49 M2 dated 27.6.49 he was informed that the Tahsildar was instructed to return the paddy procured by the Firka Supply Officer if the lessee stated that the stock belonged to the petitioner.

7. On 29-6-49 a petition was received from Sri R.V.S. Moorthy in which it was alleged that the Tahsildar did not issue the permit for transporting the paddy to Bellary though he had sent his son in person for obtaining it. It was also alleged that the lessee Moogappa (harijan) was illtreated, his ration card seized and that he was starving. A petition was also received on 30-6-49 from Moogappa in which it was alleged that the Tahsildar summoned him at about 11 O' clock in the night to the chavadi at Kottur and was forced to receive Rs.31-8-0 towards cost of paddy procured from him and affix his thumb impression. It was also alleged that the Firka Supply Officer took away his ration card and that he was taken by the Firka Supply Officer and the Tahsildar to the Co-operative Stores where his thumb impression was taken.

8 On receipt of these petitions the District Supply Officer as deputed to make a denovo enquiry into all the allegations made by ri R.V. Srinivasamoorthy and his lessees, from time to time. The nquiry revealed that the lessee Moogappa sold away all the six bags paddy which he got to his share and that the two bags which were ken from (Kotrappa's) house for procurement on his account, belonged Sri R.V.S. Moorthy. Sri R.V.S. Moorthy was therefore informed that ese two bags of paddy would be returned to him through Moogappa. (The legation that Rs.31-8-0 only was paid to Moogappa while a receipt for .36-8-0 was taken was not proved.) The enquiry also revealed that Kotrappa had disposed of his share of 3 bags of paddy and that the e bag procured from him belonged to Sri R.V.S. Moorthy. The Tahsilda: s instructed to return the one bag after receiving back the money. e enquiry further revealed that out of 480 seers of paddy procured om Nandappa 240 seers belonged to the petitioner (Sri N.V.S.Moorthi) at there were 7 bags of paddy belonging to Sri R.V.S. Moorthi stored the house of Nandappa. On a scrutiny regarding the issue of permit, r 1800 seers to the petitioner it was noticed that the calculation wa ongly made at the rate of 12ozs. where as he was entitled only to ozs. of rice per adult per day as he was not ~~a labourer~~ not a cultiva ot. The petitioner was therefore asked to move only 1522 seers of ddy. On the date of issue of this permit, the petitioner had sixteen gs of paddy six bags with his lessees Moogappa and ~~Moogappa~~ Kotrappa, three bags added to be returned by the Collector and seven ags with his lessee Nandappa. During the investigation it was also und that the Firka Supply Officer took the ration card of Moogappa 23.6.49 and misplaid it. A fresh card was issued to Moogappa on 2.7.



From

Sri N.V. Sugavanam,
Collector, Bellary.

To

The Secretary to the Commr
of Civil Supplies, Board
of Revenue, Madras.

Rc. 2564/49 N2. dated 30-10-1949

Sir,

Sub: Procurement - Foodgrains - Bellary District - Kottur - Allegation against procurement officials - petition from Sri B.V.Srinivasa Murthi - further report submitted.

Ref: Board's Ref.No.007695/VIII/49-5 (CS) dated 24-10-1949.

This office Rc.2564/49 N2 dated 7-10-49.

The extracts of A & B Registers called for in the reference first cited above are enclosed. The last year surplus of 980 seers shown by the Tahsildar in column 21 of the A register extract was not accepted by the Collector, as it was considered improbable, that the ryots should have anything left over from their last year's produce after meeting their family requirements.

Part of B II register Kollur Village Kudligi Taluk

Name of the lessee 1	Outstanding of last year 2	Grains received from other villages 3	Area 4	Collection from lease 5	Total of cols 6	Families 7	For villages 8	Total 9	Excess grain 6 - 9 10	Remarks
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To Collector

Draft of BI Register of 115- Kottur Village
Kudligi Taluk. 51

Name	Shortfus grain Accordi A Registr	BII Regn.	Total
V. Sreenivasa murthy		697	697 seer.

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for Collector

Extract of A/ Register - Kudligi Taluk - Kottur Village = Pattadar R.V. Srinivasa Hoonty

Secy for A. Recd in Com 27/12.

R. SRINIVASAMURTHY, B. Sc., B. L., SATYANARAYANPET, 39
JR FOR VAKIL,
BELLARY 15.12.49.

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT
22 DEC 1949
REVENUE AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT
GOVT. OF MADRAS

Sir, Ref. Boards L. Dis. 00760/49/ D 11/49 (C5)
Letter 12-12-49.

I beg to file this petition to revise the above order of the Board refusing to cancel the order of the Collector Bellary refusing 200 Seers of Paddy for seeds purposes.

1. The unfortunate, neglected tank at Kottoor Kudligi Dy is a big tank irrigating about 800 acres of land. We are not sure of rains. This year the tank is full on account of rains in October. When the tank gets water we go about in search of ryots to cultivate our lands. We give them seeds manure & cash + half the produce. We have no permanent lessees

So I petitioned the Collector Bellary to allow me 200 Seers of Paddy for seeds purposes. The statements of the lessees of last year with effect that I gave them seeds last year

that I should give seeds this year were filed with Collector. I therefore [illegible] the statement of the Karnam who owns adjoining land, with same effect was filed with the Board.
I also sent the endorsements of the District Agricultural officer Bellary & Agricultural Demonstrator Kudligi to the effect that no seeds paddy was available with them.
So I appealed to the Board to direct the Collector to return 2 bags of Paddy for seeds purposes, which he had been previously from me. The Board sees no reason to interfere with the orders of the Collector. So I have kept to the wall. The 5 acres will have to lie fallow. I wonder how the Board Jenkins does the justice of my appeal. The Dt Collector blunders in allowing seeds to lessees who have no obligation to cultivate the lands this year. How can I compel them to cultivate

lands or deliver seeds paddy allowed
them by the Dt Collector for my lands.
When this is my statements & the statements
of Karnam & lessees are very clear, the
Sto Collector or the Board ought to have
returned my 2 bags of Paddy. I wonder
how this attitude of the Revenue officers
will help the Grow More food Campaign.
I am prepared to adduce any volume
of evidence from the Village to support
my statement. The Dt collector does
not want it but passes order in his
chamber. The Board sees no reason.
The lands will have to remain seeds
If this is the condition of a man of my
status, Govt only must take care of
the poor ryots

I take this opportunity of press

My views about the abolishment of Board of Revenue & Civil Supplies Department

I request you as a popular Ministry to see what this ministries done done

R. Srinivasachary
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Received on 27/12

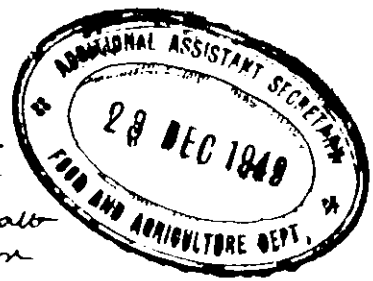
F. and A(C)

To AS

Please see the hr cuppl-question. The minutes has been submitted to D.S. on 27.12.48. This may be dealt with Sandhi after its return. For orders

Sd
30/12/48

31/12/48



SRINIVASAMURTHY, B. SC., B. L.,
VAKIL,
SATYANARAYANPET,
BELLARY 14-12-49

FROM FOOD 765

To. The Secretary to Govt
Minister for Food
Govt of Madras

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT Secy P.W.
4 JAN 1950
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Sir, Ref Board's L. Dis No. 029019/U.111/49 (CS) dated 5-12-49.

The Board has rejected my petition on behalf of my wife Madya Muyakka of Kottoor Kudligi Bellary District.

The prosecution of the wife is an unfortunate offshoot of the Complaints I have made against the Tahsildar Kudligi My complaints are being considered by you - in your No. 34744C/49-3 dated 3-12-49. If I succeed in my complaints the prosecution will be quite unjust.

I request you to send for the records with the Board, Collector & Tahsildar

endeigi and revise the orders of the Board
in the interest of justice and humanity.
I have submitted all my grounds
the Board and I do not want to repeat.

Madeja Musaffa is a poor, old, deaf,
illiterate man. It is my opinion that
if this poor Harijan is sent to jail, it
will be a black spot in the entire
democratic administration.

Pending your final orders on this
petition, & on your memo. No. 34744 C/49-3
urther proceedings in C.C. No. 401/49 being
a First class magistrate - Harper may be
stayed.

P. Srinivasa Iyengar 15
14/12/49
Vakil Bellary

Draft I

Food and Agn

Memo no. 34774 C/49-6 dated. 6.2.50

Pk. issue at once. 6.2.50. 10.30 AM

Sub: Procurement - Foodgrains - Bellary Dt. - Kotturu - Allegation against the Tahsildar Kudligi - Complaint by Sri R.V. Srinivasamurthy

Ref: 1) Govt Endt no 34774 C/49-1F and A dt 26.8
2) From the Coll of Bellary Re no. 2564/49-A2 dt
3) From the Bd of Revenue 007605/A III/49-5 dt 12.

Minutes. The Govt observe that the Tahsildar Kudligi and the F.S.O., have acted in a spirit by putting as many obstacles as possible in the way of the petitioner importing the quantity required for his personal consumption out of the produce of his own lands and that they have delayed the matter for more than eight months. The Collector of Bellary is requested to draw Explanation from the Tahsildar for the several delays caused in the matter and against the F.S.O. for seizing bags of paddy at the bus stand and for misplacing the Ration card of Moogappa and take necessary further action and Report to Govt in due course.

To draft
The Coll of Bellary.
Copy to the Bd of Revenue

5.1.50.

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Draft II

Memo no. 34774 C/49-4 dated. 23.1.50

Sub: Procurement - Paddy - Bellary Dt - Kudligi Tk - Kotturu village - procurement of Sri R.V. Srinivasamurthy - Complaint - Called for.

(P. T.)

1) Bds ref. no 007605/ WIII/ 49-50 dt 12.12.49 — p 28 CA

Ref: 2) Petitions dated 14.12.49 and 15.12.49 from — pp 33-46 CA
Sri R.V. Krishnamoorthy Vakil, Bellary.

Copies of the petitions second cited are communicated to the Bd of Revs for very urgent report

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7.1.50.

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WD
19/1/50

Sd
22/1/50

To
The Bd of Revs (W).
(With encl)
pp 33-46 CA

DPK
22-1-50:

R. V. SRINIVASAMURTHY, B. SC., B. L., FOOD SATYAGRAHA GOVERNMENT

VAKIL,

BELLARY 27.1.50

SECRETARIAT GOVERNMENT
3 FEB 1950
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

(7641)
AD

ASSISTANT SECRETARY
3 FEB 1950
FOOD AND AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT

Sir,

(2) day of Bovt. anniversary of India's

In the p 3 FEB 1950 (15.8.49) I sent a complaint

by you to the Tahsildar Kudligi. You gave

me an endorsement memorandum no.

347/64 C/49-3 dated 3.12.49. to the effect that

you are investigating and orders would be

passed in due course.

To-day is the Republic day and I beg to send

you a reminder. I do not know when this

era of petitioning goes and the public get

real powers over the officials. After all, a

Tahsildar harasses me & my ryots for full

one year. My ryots are punished and I was

subjected to annoyance, humiliation and

loss. No enquiry is held and all my

complaints have to the Popular Ministers, the Board of Revenue, not to speak of number of complaints to the Dt collector, have not received the consideration they deserve

The Tahsildar even today is victimising my ryots. There again complaints to the Collector As Mr. Allardice is now the collector I feel he will do the needful.

X I was deprived of water for personal consumption & for seed purposes. 3 acres of wet land are lying fallow. My ryots were harassed. One Hanjan ryot was starved for 10 days. He was prosecuted & fined also the misdeeds of the Tahsildar. [c.c no 401 Add F.M. Hosp. =

M I request you not to pass orders on reports I pray for an enquiry so that no other ryot in my district may be harassed in future

SRINIVASAMURTHY, B. Sc., B. L.,
VAKIL,

SATYANARAYANPET,
BELLARY 27.1.50.

Ref: Appeal against Board's L. Dis 007605/49 dt 49 (CS) dated 12.12.49

On 15.12.49 or so I sent my appeal to Board. I beg to send this reminder & also state as follows:-

1. Last year I got about 1600 seers of Paddy which was just enough for my personal consumption and seeds. The Tahsildar of Kudligi had his own working rules of procurement. He illegally procured one bag. I protested he procured 2 bags. I complained he procured 5 bags. I again complained to the Board & Ministers he procured 2 more bags. The Dt Collector was pleased to return all the bags after 7 or 8 months except 2 bags which he considered as surplus.

My petition for the return of these 2 bags as seed for seeds purposes, was rejected by the collector in his Re no 2504/49 N2 dated 2.5.8.49 on the ground that seeds allowance was made to the ryots who actually cultivated the land. Then I sent in petition to revise this order enclosing statements of the ryots & the Karnam of the village to the effect that Landlords give the seeds for sowing. The Dt collector again rejected this application in his Re 2504/49 N2 dated 28.10.49 without any enquiry

The Dt collector in his Re no 2504/49 N2 dated 7.7.49 has found that my ryots have sold away all the share of their paddy. One such one ryot, Hariyan Muthuppa was prosecuted by the collector in CC 401/49 in the file of Addl First Class magistrate Hosper for having sold all his paddy.

In october 49 Kollum ~~fa~~ tank received

The old lessees were without paddy & refuses
to cultivate my lands. I approached the Agricultural
Department for seeds. But got no seeds.
I again approached the Collector who struck
up his guns. Then I appealed to the Board
with the statement of the Village Karnam &
endorsements of the Dt Agricultural officers.
on 8-11-49. The Board saw no reason to
interfere with the orders of the Collector
Thus I found myself in a helpless position.
I appealed to Govt against the Board's order
In the meanwhile I had to forego 2 bags
of paddy allowed for personal consumption.
Still all my lands are not sown.

I am really disappointed with
the orders of the Board which has not
properly appreciated my petition.
The Dt Collector was entirely wrong in

owing seeds for temporary measures
ryots who were under no obligation to cultivate
ny lands this year. Even after finding that
ny ryots have completely sold away all
their paddy, the Collector ought to have returned
ny 2 bags for seeds purposes.

If a man of my position & status fails
s get any relief under a Democratic Indian
epublic, I wonder when this era of harass-
ent by officials will end. I personally
arnestly request your kindest attention
n this matter so that I may have some
ourage to fight corruption, nepotism among
fficials

I remain Sir,
Yours faithfully,
Krishnamurthy
29/1/49

Board of Revenue- Civil Supplies.

Abstract.

PROCUREMENT - Paddy - Bellary district - Kudligi taluk - Kotturu Procurement from Sri.R.V.Srinivasamurthy - Cor Submitted.

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Board's Ref.No. 11533-U.III-1/50-1(CS), dt. 31-1-50.

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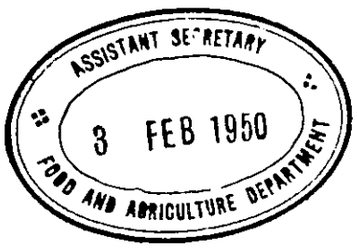

SRI.V.S.HEJMADI,I.C.S.,
COMMISSIONER OF CIVIL SUPPLIES. 7453

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SRI. K.SUBBA RAO, B.A.,
Joint Secretary to the Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Read: Govt. Memo. No. 34774-C/49-4 (Food and Agriculture), dated 23-1-50.

This is an appeal from Sri.R.V.Srinivasamurthy, Vakil, Bellary against the orders of the Board in its L.Dis. 007605-U.III/49(CS), dated 12-12-49 refusing to interfere with the orders of the Collector of Bellary rejecting his request for the return of the 2 bags of paddy procured from him and also against the orders of the Board in its L.Dis. 029019-U.III/49 (CS), dated 5-12-49 declining to interfere with the orders of the Collector prosecuting his ryot, Madiga Mugappa for contravention of Clause 6-(a) of Madras Foodgrains (Intensive Procurement) Order, 1948. As no new grounds have been adduced in the present petitions to Government, the Board submits that the petitions do not deserve any consideration.

2. The Board's Office files L.Dis. 007605-U.III/49(CS) dated 12-12-49 and L.Dis. 029019-U.III/49(CS), dated 5-12-49 are submitted herewith for perusal and return.

V. K. Balakrishnan 2.2.50
for Joint Secretary.

To

The Secretary to Government,
Food and Agriculture Dept, Madras (with encl).

pnk. 1250.

Board of Revenue(Civil Supplies).

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Abstract.

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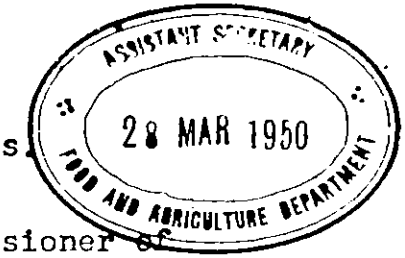
PROCUREMENT - Foodgrains - Bellary district - Kotturu - Allegation against the Tahsildar, Kudligi - Complaint by Sri R.V.Srinivasamurthy - Orders of the Government - Action taken - Report submitted.

L.Dis.17672/UIII-1/50.(CS). Dated 25-3-1950.



From

Sri V.S.Hejmadi, I.C.S.,
Commissioner of Civil Supplies.

Sri K.Subba Rao, B.A.,
Joint Secretary to the Commissioner of
Civil Supplies, Madras.

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5 above Read:- 1. Government Memo No.34774/C/49.6, Food and Agriculture, dated 6-2-1950.

p 55 below 2. From the Collector of Bellary, Ref.C.No.2564/49,

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Submitted to Government.

for Joint Secretary.

To The Secretary to the Government,
Food and Agriculture Department,
Fort St. George, Madras. (with enclosure)

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From,
Sri.G.Rami Reddy, B.A.,
Collector, Bellary.

20 MAR 1950
CIVIL SUPPLIES

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To
The Secretary to Government,
Food and Agricultural Department,
M a d r a s.

Through
The Secretary to the commissioner of
Civil Supplies, Board of
Revenue, M a d r a s.

Ref.C.No. 2564/49 M .2. dated 13-3-50.

Sir,

Sub:- Procurement - Foodgrains - Bellary District - Kotturu - Allegation against the Tahsildar, Kudligi - Complaint by Sri.R.V.Sreenivasa Murthy - Report submitted.

Ref:- 1. Govt.Memorandum No. 34774 C/49-6 dated 6-2-50.
2. Board's Ex-change reminder dated 7-3-50 on Government memo cited above.
3. Kudligi Tahsildar's Ref.C.No. 931/50 B3 dated 2-3-50.

The Tahsildar has been warned to avoid delays in the disposal of applications for permits and incidental correspondence pertaining thereto.

As regards the Firka Supply Officer, he has already been reverted as Clerk for bad work.

Board's exchange reminder is enclosed.

For Collector.

K.L.S.

R. V. SRINIVASAMURTHY, B. Sc., B. L.,
VAKIL

SATARA TO GOVERNMENT
BELGAUM 24.3.50

To.

The Hon'ble Minister for Food

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Sir, Ref. No 34744 C/49-3 dated 3.12.49.

You Excuse me sir for reminding you of my complaint dated 15.8.49 against the Tahsildar Kudligi. I earnestly request you to pay your special attention to this matter. Evil doer Janab Mahamad Kasim, the Tahsildar Kudligi this staff continue to harass my lessees. All my complaints the Collector are put into cold storage. I feel after my bitter experience these 15 months, I can never expect the local officers to take serious notice of the inconvenience caused by their subordinates. On the other hand there is complete white washing. The non officials

have no status. The officials continue enjoying the status they were having during the British ra the officials & officers have not changed their mentality or outlook. They serve to rule.

As a popular Minister please go through the appended history of harassment and deal with the officials suitably in the name of Indian Republic. But the protection given by law, I should have against a Court of law. There is ample documentary and oral evidence to prove that the Talukdar does not deserve the confidence of the Govt or the people, to rule a taluk.

~~I should~~ This is a fit case for an open enquiry

I remain yours truly

R. Nicholas

Ref Memo No. 34744 C/49-3 dated 3.12.49

Chronological list of events from 23.12.48 to 15.3.50

23.12.48 Paddy on SNo. 463A extent 0-51 cents was harvested three bags of paddy that came to my share was put in the house of my lessee Halli Kotrappa.

13.1.49 The Tahsildar with his officials takes away one bag in spite of information that the bags belonged to me. The amount is adjusted ~~to~~ towards my assessment No information is given to me by the Tahsildar but the lessee informs me by a letter at once

15.1.49 Paddy on another land ~~Application for permit for~~ SNo. 405 extent 0-81 cent was harvested. I got 6 bags for my share. The lessee of this land was Madiga Muguppa. I put these 6 bags in the house of Halli Kotrappa.

18.1.49. I applied for permit for transport of 10 bags of paddy. This was received by the Tahsildar on 19.1

19.1.49 I complained to the Tahsildar against the high-handed behaviour in taking away one bag in my absence & without my consent. I also inform him that I require 20 bags of paddy for my personal consumption and seeds.

20.1.49. My son R.V. Krishna Murthy. B.Sc. interviewed Tahsildar who refused to issue any permit release the one bag procured on 13.1.49.

26.1.49 I again wrote to Tahsildar to grant permit and release the one bag procured on 13.1.49

5.2.49 The Tahsildar with his staff enter the house of Halli Kotrappa & take away another Two bags of mine in spite of information that the bags belonged to me. The lessee miserably wrote

9.2.49 I complained with A.S.O Bellary. He ordered the Tahsildar to release the 3 bags at once.

10.2.49. I complained to the Sub-collector Hospet.

15.2.49 The A.S.O Bellary wrote with Tahsildar to release the bags, on my reminder.

15.2.49 I receive Memo Rc 2716/49 B3 dated 9.2.49 from the Tahsildar to the effect that my letter dated 26.1.49, will be enquired into. This memo is actually signed on 14.2.49.

15.2.49. I complained with Rationing officer Bellary as with non-receipt of my permit from the Tahsildar Kudligi.

~~22.2.49~~
~~9.2.49~~. ~~A Register cover is received from the Tahsildar~~

19.2.49. A letter is received from my agt Halli Kotrappa with effect that the Tahsildar took his signature to a false statement that the bags procured on 13.1.49 belonged to him & not to me. Also that the Tahsildar paid Rs 31.8-0 to the lessee Madega Mugappa & took his thumb impression a false statement that the two bags procured on 5.2.49 belonged to Mugappa & not to me.

I received a Register letter from the Tahsildar the ~~two~~ three enclosures one was a Memo. Rc 380/49 dated 19.2.49 with effect that the 3 bags belonged the lessees & that my complaint was baseless 2nd enclosure was a permit for transport of 10 bags 3rd enclosure was a notice not to issue procurement : deliver 6 bags of paddy by 5.3.49.

complained with Sub Collector Hospet & A.S.O Bellary over the nasty behaviour of the Tahsildar & is stupid notice of intensive procurements when there was ~~no~~ scarcity & no starvation in my hands.

8-3-49. Complainer with Sub Collector Bellary

15-3-49. Complainer again with Collector of Bellary after personal Verification of facts at Kottarm.

16-3-49 The Sub Collector in Hospet in his L. dis/432/49 dated 13-3-49 supports the Tahsildar

31-3-49. Paddy on my 3rd land is harvested & 8 bags which was put in the house of my lessee Nandappa. This fact was intimated to the Collector and the Tahsildar.

1-6-49. The Sub Collector in Rc. No 2564/49 dated 1-6-49 instructed the Tahsildar to issue permit for 18 bags & ask the same release the bags illegally procured on 13-1-49 & 5-2-49

13-6-49 Complainer with Collector that the Tahsildar refused to carry out his instructions.

7-6-49. The F.S.O Kottarm under order of the Tahsildar procures again 480 seers of paddy from my stock with my lessee Nandappa.

21-6-49 Complainer to the Collector who in his Rc 2564/49 N2 dated 27-6-49 ordered the return of 480 seers procured on 17-6-49

23-6-49 The Tahsildar confiscates the Ration Card of Madiga Mugappa my lessee. Complainer with the Collector

26-6-49 The Sub Collector in his Rc No 2564/49 dated 26-6-49 permits me to move 18 bags and orders the Tahsildar to return 1 bag & 80 seers to

24.6.49. The DT Collector orders the D.S.O Pellary to Proceed to Kottwm to make personal enquiries.

9.7.49 The DT Collector in his Re 2654/49 W2 dated 9.7.49 orders the return of the bags procured on 13.1.49 & 5-2-49 & 17.6.49. He finds the bags belonged to one & not to the lessees as were made to appear by the Tahsildar under statements taken under official pressure. He also found that the Maistry Mugappa was wrongfully deprived of his Return Card for 10 days & a new Card was issued by the D.S.O

10.7.49 The lessee Hanjem Mugappa an old man of 70 years was prosecuted and fined, all at the instance of the ~~Tahsildar~~ crooked ways of the Tahsildar My petitions to the DT Magistrate, Board of Revenue & Govt note of no avail.

6.8.49. when I was transporting paddy under the collectors orders, the F.S.O Kottwm under orders of the Tahsildar seizes 2 bags from me at the bus stand.

9.8.49 I complained to the collector of the nasty & illegal conduct of the F.S.O & Tahsildar.

10.8.49. The Tahsildar issues of another notice of intention of procurement for delivering surplus of 274 seers not a second crop, though he knew that I got nothing out of the 2nd crop owing to failure of water in the tank Vide also Collector's L. Dis 5791/49 dated 28.6.49

9. The DT Collector was pleased to order again the return of the 2 bags procured on 6.8.49

31.10.49 I personally met the Tahsildar in this connection

8.11.49. The Tahsildar deliberately delayed the matter & delivered 2 bags of inferior paddy mixed with rubbish & also threatened the ryots, who were to receive the bags on my behalf, with dire consequence if he cultivated my lands.

7-11-49 I complained to the Collector. The matter is still pending. Vide Rc No. 2504/49 N2 dated 29.11.49

8.10.49. The Tahsildar deliberately ~~allowed~~ granted seed allowance to my temporary ryots who were under no obligation to cultivate my lands the next year. My attempts to get this rectified with the Dt Collector & the Board of Revenue. ~~Inspite~~ When I wanted to forego 2 bags out of the bags allowed to me for personal consumption, the Tahsildar deliberately gave me on 8.11.49 two bags of useless paddy just to prevent me for using the same for seeds. In the result all my lands are not sown & that with great difficulty

Again by the Tahsildar misbehaved & threatening ryots. I complained to the Collector who is still looking into the matter

My Ryots Writes to me that the R.I. & Village Headman visited his fields & threatened to

cut off the water for non-payment of assessment, though the Tahsildar has acknowledged M.O on 9.3.49 I have again complained to the Tahsildar.

Points for consideration.

(1) The Tahsildar was informed that I required 18 bags for personal consumption + seed on 19.1.49. I got only 18 bags for my share. As a gentleman & head of taluk he ought to have issued orders accordingly. But he takes a crooked path + misuses his powers + takes statements under official pressure + false case is put up before the Collector + Sub-Collector.

(2) Four times he proceeds + four times the Collector orders the return. Motives of searches are malafide.

(3) The Harijan ryot is brought into trouble + suffer. His family + himself starved from 23.6.49 to 2.7.49 as the Ration card is kept by the Tahsildar just to satisfy his vanity. He is taxed Rs 31-8-0 on the income of 19.2.49 + thumb impression for Rs 36-00 received is taken

(4) I am deprived of labour for 8 months + seed allowance is not made.

(5) I have to see the Collector + D.S.O not less than 24 times

(6) The mental worry, loss of time + money is considerable.

(7) The complaints to the Collector, + D.S.O, Sub-Collector, Board of Revenue + Ministers have no effect

R Ramiah
26/7/6

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R. V. SREENIVASA MURTHY B. Sc., B. L., SATYANARAYANAPET,
... VAKIL. BELLARY 23-8-50

Secy. Revenue.
Please let me see the connected file.

MINISTER FOR FOOD
GOVT. OF MADRAS

REVENUE DEPARTMENT
30 AUG 1950

Ref No. 34744 C/14 dated 3-12-49.

... informed me by the... my complaints dated 15-8-49 and 15-11-49 against the Tahsildar Kudligi was under investigation and orders will be issued in due course.

So far I have not received any endorsement from you in spite of repeated reminders.

The same Tahsildar continues in the same place. He is harassing my ryots with a spirit of Vengeance. Today I find that no ryot is bold enough to cultivate my lands. My 5 acres of wet land will have to remain fallow. The Tahsildar is personally threatening my ryots with dire consequences if they

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cultivate my lands. My Complaints to the Collector are useless as he depends upon the report of the Sub-Collector who accepts easily the demeanour of the Tahsildar. This hide and seek is going on. It is very difficult to prove the mischievous actions of the Tahsildar unless due weightage is given to the statements of my reports.

As a popular Minister I request you to instruct the Collector to transfer the Tahsildar if he is not to be punished. In case I do not get any reply from you, I am left with recourse to Court of Law to check the misuse of powers by the Tahsildar.

This is my last reminder to you in this matter.

Thanking you,

Yours sincerely,

23/8/50.

Memo No 39766/50-4 dated 7-(8)/52

Procurement - Foodgrains -
- Bellary - Kudligi Taluk - Kotturu village
- Procurement of paddy from Sri
R.V. Srinivasamurthy - Complaint against
Tahsildar

Ref: From the Board of Revenue (C.S)
11533 U-III - 1/50-1
dated 31.1.50

The Govt consider that no
further action is called for in the matter
(E) (I) The Board's office files Nos L.Dis 00760 5-U-III/
49 C.S. dated 12-12-49 and L.Dis 02901 9-U-III/
49/C.S. are herewith returned to:

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31.1.50

To
The Board of Rev (C.S)
with (E) and (T)
returned in
original

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No. 34774-C/49 Sub: Procurement - Foodgrains - Bellary Dt - Kotturu - Allegation against the Tahsildar and F.S.O. - Complaint by Sri R. V. Srinivasa moorthy -

pp1-8 C.F. [Petition dt. 15.8.49 from Sri R. V. Srinivasamoorthy]

pp 27-30 C.F. [From the Coll of Bellary Rc. no 2564/49 N2 dt 7.X.49]

pp 2 C.F. [From the Bd of Revenue Rep. C07605/CR III/49-1 dtd 12.12.49]

To AS

Please see the letter on pp1-8 C.F. from Sri R. V. Srinivasamoorthy Complaining against the Tahsildar, Kudligi, Bellary, the Coll's report on pp 27-30 C.F and the Bd Remarks on p 25 C.F.

pp 27-30 C.F. The Coll's report deals with the facts of the case in detail and are as follows:

The petitioner owns lands in Kotturu village and they are leased out and he gets half the produce from the lands for his share. Being a resident in the Rationed area at Bellary, he had applied for a permit from the Ration Officer. On 9.2.49 he had given a petition to the D.S.O., Bellary that 3 bags of paddy were procured by the Tahsildar out of his share of 9 bags of paddy which was stocked in the house of the lessee. The D.S.O. directed the Tahsildar to release the 3 bags as it was represented in the petition that the requirements of the petitioner were 20 bags. The Tahsildar had Reported that the petitioner was eligible only for 10 bags of paddy as was intimated by the Ration officer and that nothing was procured from the petitioner though he had a procurable balance

of 6 bags. The 3 bags as alleged by the petitioner to have been procured from him belonged to the two lessees given by him for procurement. The Tahsildar had issued a permit for transporting 10 bags of paddy and a requisition Order for surrendering the surplus of 6 bags of paddy. The petitr had represented on 8.3.49 to the Collr requesting him to cancel or suspend the requisition order of the Tahsildar. Again he had petitioned to the Collr on 15.3.49 alleging that the Tahsildar ~~instructed~~ obtained a receipt the lessee Moogappa for Rs 36.8.0 whereas he was actually paid Rs 31.8.0 and that the procurement was made at a flat-rate of 2 bags per acre at Kotter. The Sub Collector who was consulted in the matter by the Collr had reported that the action of the Tahsildar in having procured the 3 bags was in accordance with the procurement Rules and that allegation, that procurement was done at a flat rate, was wrong. He had also reported that the action of the Tahsilda in issuing a demand notice for 6 bags was right.

On the circumstances stated by the Collr in para 4 on p 28 C.F. the Collr had ordered to permit the petitioner to move upto 18 bags of paddy to Bellary. Subsequ the petitioner had ~~again reiterated petition~~ ~~that~~ represented that he could not have 18 bags unless the three bags procured from the two lessees were returned to them. As the 3 bags procured, belonged to the lessee

the petitioner had been told that he should obtain his share of paddy from the lessees and that the Collr had nothing to do in the matter.

Sri R.V.S. Moorthy had put in a series of petitions on 21.6.49, & 29.6.49, alleging that the F.S.O. had procured 480 Seers of paddy and that the Tahsildar had not issued the permit On 30.6.49 the lessee Moogappa had petition alleging that he was summoned at 11 O'Clock in the night and was forced to receive Rs 31.8.0 towards cost of paddy procured and that his ration card was taken away by the F.S. The Collr has reported that on receipt of the petitions referred to at 'A' above, the D.S.O was asked to make a de novo enquiry into all the allegations made by Sri R.V. Srinivasamoorthy and his lessees from time to time. The enquiry revealed the following facts:

(i) that the lessee Moogappa sold away all the six bags of paddy which is his share and that the 2 bags taken from Moogappa the another lessee, on his account, belong to Sri R.V.S. Moorthy;

(ii) that another lessee Kotrappa dispose of his share of 3 bags of paddy and the but one bag procured from him belonged to Sri R.V.S. Moorthy, the petitioner; and

(iii) that out of 480 Seers of paddy procured from one the house of one Nandappa where 7 bags of paddy belonging to the petitioner were stored, 240 Seers belong to the petitioner; and

(iv) that the F.S.O. took away the ration of Moogappa on 23.6.49 and misdirected.

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(ii) that another lessee Kotrappa disposed of his share of 3 bags of paddy and that one bag procured from him belonged to Sri R.V.S. Moorthy, the petitioner; and

(iii) that out of 480 seers of paddy procured from one the house of one Nandappa where 7 bags of paddy belonging to the petitioner were stored, 240 seers belonged to the petitioner; and

(iv) that the F.S.O. took away the ration card of Moogappa on 23.6.49 and misused it.

appears. As regards the above four facts the petitioner was informed that the Collr has stated (i) that the two bags procured from Moogappa would be returned to him thro' the lessee (ii) that the Tahsildar was directed to return the one bag procured from Kotrappa after receiving back the money and (iii) that a fresh ration card was issued to Moogappa. He has also reported that he has sanctioned prosecution against Moogappa for having sold 6 bags of paddy to persons other than authorised dealers in contravention of Cl 6A of the Rationing Procurement Order. It is also reported that, on scrutinizing the ~~permit~~ permit for 1800 seers, it was found that the quantity was calculated at the rate of 120 lbs instead of 100 lbs as he is not a cultivating Ryot, & ~~permit was issued for~~ he was asked to move only 1522 seers of paddy and that on the date of issue of this permit the petitioner had 16 bags of paddy. It is further reported that in ~~one~~ his petitions dated 9.8.49 and 14.8.49 ~~he~~ it was alleged that the F.S.O. took away 2 bags of paddy at the bus stand while transporting to Bellary and that the Tahsildar has served a demand notice for delivering 274 seers of paddy from the second crop raised in his fields. The Collr has stated that these two petitions have been referred to the ~~Provisional~~ Tahsildar for reports. In the circumstances stated above and in view of the remarks of the Collr at para 10 on p 30 C.F. and the Bd on p 25 C.F., no further action seems called for on the petition at pp 1-8 C.F. As ---- ing the Bd a suitable reply to

may be given to the petitioner. The case may be circulated to H.M (L.R) thro' H.M (Food). w.r.t. minute on p/1 C F

22/12/49.

There seems to be no doubt that the Talr. and the F.S.O 23/12/49 (probably under the instructions of the Talr) acted in a spirit of ~~as many as possible~~ ~~positive~~ obstacles in the way of the petr. ~~getting~~ importing the quantity required for his personal consumption out of the produce of his own lands. They have succeeded by delaying the matter for nearly eight months. Even now the petr. does not appear to have imported the full quantity permitted by the Collr. ~~clear~~ It was the duty of the Talr & F.S.O to help the ryot to obtain this requirement as speedily as possible, they have clearly not discharged their duty in this ~~case~~ case. We could this to glossover the matter by saying that the ryot should not have left his stock of the produce with the ~~ryot~~ enemy etc. The procurement staff have to enquire to say as to where a producer could or could not leave his stocks. This is then to find out & take necessary action. We may ask the Collr. to frame charges against the Talr. for the several delays he has caused in the matter & against the F.S.O for seizing 2 bags as the bags stood & misdaying the ration card of Narasappa & take necessary further action & ... to Govt. in due course.

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[From Sri R.V. Srinivasamurthy Hqrs dated 15.12.49 and 16.12.49] - pp 39-44 C.F

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Draft I

W.r.t. the orders on p.5 above, a draft memo to the Coll'r is put up below. Rev may see before issue. A note for O/C will be put up after the receipt of the Coll'r's Report on the action taken against the Tahsildar and the F.S.O.

W.r.t. the minutes of H/M(L.R.) on p1 C.F.

X

19/1/50

Please see the petition on pp 39-44 C.F from the Vakil. He has stated that the Bd of Rev(rs) has refused to interfere within Coll'r's order informing him that he could not be allowed 2 bags of paddy towards seed requirements. Now he has appealed to Govt requesting to direct the Coll'r to give him 2 bags of paddy for seed requirements as he has to supply the seeds to the lessees as per custom. In his letter dated 14.12.49 he has represented that the Bd has rejected his petition on behalf of his Ryot Moogappa of Kolluru village who has been prosecuted and has requested to stay further proceedings in C.C. no 401/49 before the 1st Class magistrate Hospet.

A above:

It is observed from the petition itself that his lessees were allowed the seed paddy from their shares. But the petitioner contention is that they are not permenant lessees and that in this respect they are not expected to cultivate his lands this year also. He has also stated that no seed paddy was is available with the Agriculture offices at Bellary and at Kudligi.

B above Attention is invited to para 8

of the Collr's report on p 13 C.F. As it is clearly se that Moogappa had disposed of his share to a non-tenanted person it seems that his request to stay proceedings in the Court may be acceded however a reply very urgent report may be called for from the Bd of Revenue on the two points at pp 39-44 C.F. Subject to orders a draft memo to the Bd of Rev (Rs) is submitted for approval. A issue of this draft, the file may be sent to Re w.r.t. X on p 6 above. For orders.

Draft II

WS 7/1/50

S 7.1.50

RR 9/1/50

WS 19/1/50

DS 22/1/50

Issued. (C.L) Draft II

Thro 'C' Not Corgr

Ra 10/1/50 SR 10.1.50.

WS 23/1/50

Issued as Memo. 34774-C/49-4 dt 23-1-50

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Tods

Notes from page 1 ante and the draft memo to the Collr. below may be perused and the case returned to Food and Agri dept.

Jt Advr. O. no 34774-C/49-5 dt 24-1-50.

ISK 31-1-50 SR 31/1/50.

SR 1.2.50

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Revenue 5186 B/50-1 1-2-50.

Food and Agrics

To AS.

Please see the notes of Rev dept above. The draft I. below may now issue. For orders.

S 3.2.50.

WS 4/2/50

[Issued as Memo no. 34774-C/49-6 dated 6·2·50] p45 C.F.
[Ltr dated 27·1·50 from Sri R.V.S. Moorthy Vakil, Bellary] pp 47-52 C.F.
[From the Bd's Rev Wks Rep 11533 W.M.-1/50-1 dt 31·1·50.] p53 C.F.

To AS.

Please see the reminder letters on pp 47-52 C.F. from Sri R.V. Srinivasamoorthy, Vakil, Bellary and the Bd's report on p 53 C.F. w.r.t. his govt memo on pp 45-46 C.F.

The Bd. has rejected the appeal of the petitioner against the orders of the Coll of Bellary rejecting his request for the return of the 2 bags of paddy procured from him, for the reason stated at X on pp 5-6 N.F. of (E) and the appeal against the orders of the Coll prosecuting Madiga Mugappa, the petitioner's Ryot for having sold his share of the produce to persons other than those authorized by the Coll in violation of cl 6 A of the Intensive Procurement Order, under the circumstances reported by the Coll in his Report at p 11 C.F. of (T).

The Bd is of the view that the petitioner does not deserve any consideration as no new grounds have been adduced. Attention is invited to 'C' on p 6 above. The Bd has declined to interfere with the orders of the Coll rejecting the petitioner's request for the return of the 2 bags of paddy procured from him as the petitioner had to whom allowance for seed purpose had been made and has to take up the matter with the lessee who had it sold it away and as the procurement officials cannot be blamed for making the allowance in favour of the ryot who had actually cultivated the lands.

As regards the prosecution of this ryot Mugappa, it is clearly seen that the ryot had contravened the cl 6 A of the Intensive Procurement Order by selling the paddy to unauthorised persons.

In the circumstances, it is for orders

This reason does not appear to be correct. Pl. see X on p 53 C.F.

X on pp 5-6 of (E).

Rejection not to be communicated

M on p 8/12/50

whether the Bds view may be accepted. A suitable reply may be given to the petitioner. For orders whether the case may be circulated to H.M(L.R) thro' HM (Food) w.r.t the minute on p 1 c.F at this stage. The case may also be circated to HM (LR) thro' HM(Food) after the receipt of the Coll's reports on the action taken against the Tahsildar and the FSO. as already ordered at X on p 6 above.

May be done on 9/12/50

8/12/50

9/12/50

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Handed over by Secy his notes for fresh consideration

Resubmitted. w.r.t. oral instructions of Secretary, the quantities of ~~excepted~~ paddy belonging to the petitioner and that belonging to his lessees which was in the custody of his lessees and which has been procured is as noted below:

X page 37 CF.

It is observed from the entries of A & B. registers that the produce, requirements, and surplus of the petitioner Sri R.V.S. Moorthy and of his lessees are as follows.

Sri R.V.S. Moorthy, the petitioner.

Due from the lessees: 306 + 516 + 994 = 1816 seers

M' on p 29 CF

His requirements (domestic Consumption at 10 ozs of rice per adult per day: 1522 seers of paddy. Surplus: 294 seers

Lessees: (i) Kotrappa: Produce 612 seers.

requirement 675 seers. No Surplus.

page 37 CF.

(ii) Moogappa: Produce 1032 seers.

requirements 862 seers. Surplus: 170 seers

(iii) Nandappa: Produce 1989 seers

requirements 1503 seers.

Surplus 486 seers

From Kothappa it is seen that one bag of paddy has been procured. As he had no surplus of his own to give the one bag from which he presumed to belong to the pattadar (the petitioner) As regards the lessee Moogat it is observed that he has sold away 6 bags privately, that is, against the rules for which he has been prosecuted. The two bags of paddy procured from him should ∴ be considered as belonging to the pattadar (the petitioner). It is observed that out of the 480 seers procured from lessee Nanda 240 seers or about 2½ bags belonged to the petitioner. Thus about 5½ bags of paddy belonging to the petitioner have been procured. Out of this 3 bags are reported to have been returned subsequently. Thus the total quantity procured from him is only ah 2½ bags ie 240 seers against the procurable surplus of 284 seers. It will ∴ be seen that no extra quantity has been procured from the petitioner and he can have no grievance in the matter. In the circumstances stated above it is for orders whether the Bds' view on p.2 ante that no action is called for on the petition and that a suitable reply may be given to the petitioner may be agreed to.

It is also for orders whether the file may be circulated to DSM (Food) and DSM (L.R) at this stage. W.r.t. minutes on p.10 ante.

marked in red pencil certain allegations made in them. I want them to be examined and analytical notes put up in regard to them. I would like to have a clear idea whether as complained ~~against~~ in the petition, the procurement officials have not been strictly acting in accordance with the rules and whether the petitioner was allowed the necessary quantity of paddy for consumption etc., under the rules.

MAS
25/3/50

~~With reference to the~~ Orders of Secretary above:

Point I. (X on page 48 c.f.)- Deprivation of paddy for personal consumption & seed and harassment of petitioners ryots - starvation of a ryot for 10 days. // The Quantity of paddy due to the petitioner from the lessees ~~was~~ 1816 seers,

~~His~~ requirements ~~were~~ .... 1522 seers, and

~~His~~ surplus ~~was therefore~~ 294 seers.

cfr Rlom p 9 above

The petitioner was first given a permit to move 1800 seers (18 bags) of paddy to Bellary.
Subsequently, on scrutinizing the permit for 1800 seers (18 bags) it was found that the quantity had been allowed calculated at the rate of 12 ounces instead of 10 ozs., as he is not a cultivating ryot, he was asked to move only 1522 seers of paddy. On the date of the issue of the permit for 1522 seers of paddy, the petitioners ~~had~~ ~~16 bags of paddy and two~~ ryots had 16 bags of paddy in all with them. There is some basis for the allegation

M on p 28 cf and p 29 cf

N'on p 29 cf

(X) That a ryot was starved for 10 days as the F.S.O. took the ration card of the ryot on 23-6-49 and misla it. A fresh card was issued only 10 days /

The allowance for seed purposes have been made to the lessees (the cultivating ryots) from their shares. So, the petitioner of the petitioner has not been allowed any quantity towards ~~for~~ seed requirements. ~~purposes~~. The Board has declined to interfere with the orders of the Collector rejecting the petitioner's request for the return of the 2 bags of paddy procured from him for seed purposes, as the petitioner has to take up the matter with the lessees to whom the allowance for seed purposes had been made.

In the circumstances it is not correct to say that the petitioner has not been allowed for his personal consumption and seed purposes.

One of his ryots, Moogappa was prosecuted ~~for~~ as of his produce in black market
he disposed of his share to ~~an~~ unauthorised persons and thereby clearly had contravened the clause 6 A of the Intensive Procurement Order. Thus it may be seen that the allegations made by the petitioner at 'X' on pa . are not true.

Point II (A on page 51 c.f.)

The petitioner says that the old lessees were without paddy and refused to cultivate his lands. The procurement officials cannot be blamed for this. It is the fault of the lessees in having sold the paddy ~~allowed for them~~, that were allowed towards seedling Requirements.

Point III (B. on page 49 c.f.)

It is submitted that nothing has been illegally procured from him. Attention is invited to 'A' on page 27 c.f. and to para 10 on page 30 c.f. Some confusion had prevailed in the whole matter regarding the ownership of the stocks of paddy kept in the houses of the lessees of the petitioner. As a result of the confusion ~~As the lessee had disposed~~ portion of the petitioner's stock was procured or might have been ~~of this share, the quantities procured from the lessees were those~~ owned by the Tahsildar ~~of the petitioner~~ and on enquiry the procured paddy had been ordered to be returned to him. However there had been a delay of some 8 or 9 months in issuing the permit by the Tahsildar. The Collector has been asked to take action against the Tahsildar for t several delays and also against the Firka Supply Officer.

Please see the Board's reference on page 53 c.f. ~~and~~ the ~~enclosure~~ letter from Sri R.Srinivasamoorthy , the petitioner on pages 57-64 c

With reference to the Government Memorandum on pa c.f. the Collector has since reported that the Tahsildar has been warn to avoid delays in the disposal of applications for permits and that the F.S.O. has already been reverted as clerk for bad work. The Board has not offered any remarks in the matter. For orders whether the light punishment given to the Tahsildar will be sufficient or the Collector may be asked to take drastic action against the Tahsildar.

The petitioner has since represented that the Tahsildar and his staff are harassing his lessees, that he has got ample evidence to prove that the Tahsildar does not deserve

overlapping. The points covered by Ite. portions side-lined by Secy. should be grouped under several headings and noted on point by point basis

the confidence of the Government or the people to rule a Taluk and that this is a fit case for an open enquiry.

In the circumstances stated on pp 11-12 above, it is for orders whether further action in the matter may be dropped and the petitioner ~~may be~~ given a suitable reply as already proposed at 'B' on page 10 above.

This is one of the files left by Supt Krishna Ayyar without any scrutiny on the eve of his leave, probably because he did not wish to apply his mind to a difficult file though he had the time and necessary background for doing so. The above note is not sufficiently analytical. There is a good deal of overlapping, and it has to be completely recast, ~~for which I have little time now~~. Will the new Supt pl. speak on 12/4?

11/4/50

Food and Agriculture Department.
(C)

A brief history of the case is as follows:-

The petitioner, Sri.P.V.Srinivasamoorthy who had leased out his lands, ~~on condition of getting half of the produce for his share, had~~ applied on 18-1-49 for a permit for bringing his share of paddy (9 bags) ~~the paddy~~ to Bellary from his village for his personal consumption. On 9-2-49 he put in another petition to the D.S.O., Bellary that 3 bags of paddy were procured by the Tahsildar out of his share of 9 bags of paddy which was stocked in the house of his lessee. The D.S.O. ~~who~~ directed the release of the 3 bags, as it was represented in the petition that the petitioner's requirements were 20 bags, though it was reported by the Tahsildar that the petitioner was eligible only for 10 bags of paddy and that nothing was procured from the petitioner though he had a procurable

balance of 6 bags. The 3 bags ~~as~~ alleged by the petitioner to have been procured from ~~him~~ his own share, actually belonged to the two lessees. ~~given by them for procurement~~. The Tahsildar ~~had~~ issued a permit for moving 10 bags ~~and~~ Bellary for personal consumption and served a requisition order for surrendering the surplus of 6 bags of paddy. The petitioner had put up petitions to the collector requesting him to cancel or suspend the orders of the Tahsildar. The Sub Collector who was consulted in the matten by the Collector ~~had~~ reported that the action of the Tahsildar in having procured the 3 bags and in x issuing the demand notice for delivering 6 bags were in accordance with the procurement rules. On scrutinizing the ~~s~~, ~~r~~ register and the petitioner's ration card, the Collector ~~had~~ ordered ~~to~~ the return of the excess paddy procured from the ryots and to issue a permit to movexx upto 18 bags or 1800 seers of paddy to Bellary for consumption. Subsequently, the petitioner ~~had~~ represented that he could not have 18 bags unless the 3 bags procured from the two lessees were returned to them. As the 3 bags procured belonged to the lessees, the petitioner ~~had been informed~~ was asked to obtain his share of paddy from his lessees. The petitioner had been putting up a series of petitions, and the D.S.O. had made a denovo enquiry into the whole matter and it revealed the follow facts:-

1) that one of his lessees Moogappa sold away to unauthorised persons all the six bags of the paddy which ~~is~~ was his share and that ~~the~~ 2 bags taken from him, on his procurement account belonged to the petitioner

2) that another lessee Kotrappa ~~xx~~ disposed of his share of 3 bags to procurement officials and that one bag procured from him belonged to the petitioner.

3) that out of 480 seers of paddy procured from the house of one Nandappa where 7 bags belonging to the petitioner were stored 240 seers belonged to the petitioner ;

4) that the F.S.O. took away the ration card of the lessee Moogappa on 23-6-49 and mislaid it. A fresh card was issued to Moogappa on 2-7-49.

As regards the above facts it was reported that the ~~x~~ petitioner was informed that two bags procured from Moogappa would be returned to him, ~~and~~ that the Tahsildar was directed to return the one bag procured from another lessee (Kotrappa) after receiving back the money and that a fresh ration card was issued to the Moogappa. It was also

reported that prosecution was sanctioned against Moogapra for having sold 6 bags of paddy to persons other than the authorised dealers in violation of ~~Cl.~~ clause 6-A of the Intensive Procurement Order 1948. The Collector also reported that on scrutinizing the permit (for personal consumption issued to the petitioner) for 1800 seers or 18 bags, it was found that the quantity was ~~were~~ calculated at the rate of 12 ozs. instead of 10 ozs. as the petitioner was not a cultivating ryot, and that he was asked to move only 1522 seers of paddy ~~and that~~ On the date of issue of this permit, the petitioner had 16 bags of paddy (6 bags with his lessees Moogappa and Kotrappa 3 ~~added~~ ordered by the Collector to be returned ~~by the collector~~ and 7 with his lessees Nandappa. Subsequently the petitioner represented that the F.S.O. took away ~~the~~ two bags of paddy at the bus stand while ~~transporting~~ about to the paddy to Bellary. The collector has been asked to take action against the Tahsildar for the several delays he had caused in the matter and against the F.S.O. for seizing 2 bags at the bus stand and mislaying the ration card of Moogappa. ~~The allegations made in the petition of Sri.P.V.Srinivasamoorthy dated 27-1-50 on pp. 47 to 52 C.F.~~ The allegations made in the petition at pp 47-52 are:(i) He was deprived of paddy for personal consumption and for seed purposes. (ii) His ryots ~~were harassed~~ were harassed; one Harijan ryot was starved for 10 days and was prosecuted and fined due to the misdeeds of the Tahsildar. (iii) Paddy was illegally procured from him and when he protested more and more was procured from him; (iv) His old lessees were without paddy and refused to cultivate his lands. No paddy is available in the Agriculture Department. His petition requesting to return the 2 bags of paddy procured from him was rejected by the Collector and the Board.

~~The Board's Proceedings dated 27-1-50 on pp. 47 to 52 C.F.~~ The above allegations are examined below:-

Point(i) Deprived of paddy intended for per. consumption & seed

The quantity of paddy due to the petitioner from the lessees was 1816 seers; his requirements were 1522 seers and his surplus was therefore 294 seers.

The petitioner had been first given a permit to move 1800 seers (18 bags) of paddy to Bellary. Subsequently, for the reasons stated at 'A' above he had been asked to move only 1522 seers of

~~paddy and his surplus was therefore 604 kgs.~~

~~The petitioner had been first given a permit to move 10 only 1528 bags of~~ paddy and his ryots had 16 bags of paddy in all with them.

The allowance for seed purposes have been made to the lesse from their shares as they were the cultivating ryots and so the petitioner who is not a cultivating ryot has not been allowed any quantity towards seed requirements. It cannot therefore be said ~~that no seed allowances have been made to him. In the circumstances stated above it is not correct to say~~ that the petitioner had been deprived of paddy for his personal consumption and for seed purposes.

Point (ii): His ryots have not at all been harassed by the procurement officials. One of his ryots, Poogappa was prosecuted as he disposed of his share of the produce (in blackmarket) to unauthorised persons in contravention of ~~and thereby clearly had contravened the~~ cl. 6-A of the Intensive procurement Order. There is some basis for the allegation that a ryot was harassed for 10 days as the F.S.O. took the ration card of the ryot and mislaid it and the new one was issued only 10 days later.

Point (iii):-

From the history of the case, it may be observed that this allegation viz., that paddy was illegally procured from him and when he protested more and more were procured is not correct. Kind attention is invited to 'A' on p. 27 c.f. and to para 10 on p. 30 c.f. It is seen that some confusion had prevailed in the whole matter regarding the ownership of the stocks of paddy kept in the houses of the lessees of the petitioner. As a result of the confusion a portion of the petitioner's stock, as stated by the Collector, was or might have been procured by the Tahsildar and on enquiry the procured paddy had been ordered to be returned to him. Further there had been a delay of some 8 or 9 months in issuing the permit by the Tahsildar.

Point iv

~~Partiv~~ The petitioner says that the old lessees were without paddy and refused to cultivate his lands. Further he states that the Board has refused to interfere with the Collector's orders

informing him that he could not be allowed 2 bags of paddy towards seed requirements. As the lessees were allowed the seed paddy from their shares, the petitioner ~~requesting 2 bags of paddy for seed purposes is~~ contends that his lessees are not permanent lessees, and that they are not expected to cultivate his lands this year, also. Further, he has stated that the allowance had been wrongly made in favour of the lessees. It is seen that the Board has declined to interfere with the orders of the Collr rejecting the petitioner's request for the return of the 2 bags of paddy procured from him, for seed purposes, as the petitioner has to take up the matter with the lessees to whom seed allowances had been made by the procurement officials and as the procurement officials cannot be blamed for making the allowance in favour of the ryots who had actual custody of the produce. As the petitioner is an absentee landlord, and as the lessees are the cultivating ryots, the Board's view above is correct.

~~The Collector has been asked to take action against the F.S.O. and the Tahsildar with reference to [illegible] on p. 16 above~~ With reference to the memo at p. 45 ante The collector has since reported that the Tahsildar has been warned to avoid delay in the disposal of applications for permits and that the F.S.O. had already been reverted as clerk for bad work. The Board has not offered any remarks in the matter. For orders whether the ~~light~~ punishment given to the Tahsildar ~~will be sufficient or the collr may be asked to take drastic action against the Tahsildar.~~ & the F.S.O. will be considered sufficient or the matter pursued further.

The petitioner has since represented that the Tahsildar and his staff are harassing his lessees, that he has got ample evidence to prove that the Tahsildar does not deserve the confidence of the Government or the people to rule the taluk and that this is a fit case for an open enquiry. In this connection, it may be pointed out that the petitioner has been going on putting up petitions one after another complaining against the Tahsildar and others.

In the circumstances stated, it is for orders whether further action in the matter may be dropped and the petitioner given a suitable ~~dx~~ reply as already proposed at [illegible] on p. 10 ante.

The case may be circulated to U.P.(I.R.) through H.P.(Food) with reference to the minutes on p. 1 c.f.

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The file relates to certain complaints of harassmant made by one Sri R.V.Srinavasamoorthy, Vakil, Bellary, against the Tahsildar subordinates.

His/~~The~~ The Collector's report at pp. 27-30 c.f. deals with the history of the case in detail and it may be perused.

With reference to the orders of Secretary at 'Z' on p. 10-11 above, the specific allegations made in the petition at pp. 47-52 c.f. are examined below:

Allegation (1) Petitioner deprived of paddy for personal consumption and for seed purposes:-

Vide 'R' on p9 above.

The quantity of paddy due to the petitioner from the lessees was 1816 seers; his requirements were 1522 seers, and his surplus was therefore 294 seers.

Map p. 21 C.F.

The petitioner had been first given a permit to move 1800 seers (18 bags) of paddy to Bellary. Subsequently, on scrutinising the permit for personal consumption issued to the petitioner for 1800 seers or 18 bags of paddy, it was found that the quantity was calculated at the rate of 12 ozs. instead of 10 ozs. as the petitioner was not a cultivating ryot, and that he had been asked to move only 1522 seers of paddy and his ryots had 16 bags of paddy in all with them.

Vide column marked X on p37CF

The allowance for seed purposes have been made to the lessees from their shares, as they were the cultivating ryots and so the petitioner who is not a cultivating ryot has not been allowed any quantity towards seed requirements. It cannot therefore be said that the petitioner had been deprived of paddy intended for his personal consumption and for seed purposes.

Allegation (2): His ryots were harassed; one Harijan ryot was starved for 10 days and was prosecuted and fined due to the misdeeds of the Tahsildar:

Para 9 on p29CF

But did not (HA) lessee have his own stocks at the time? X mas 1615

His ryots have not at all been harassed by the procurement officials. One of his ryots, Moogappa was prosecuted as he disposed of his share of the produce (in black market) to unauthorised persons in contravention of clause 6-A of the Intensive Procurement Order, 1948. There is some basis for the allegation that a ryot was starved for 10 days, as the F.S.O. took the ration card of the ryot and mislaid it and ~~the~~ a new one was issued only 10 days later.

Allegation (3) Paddy was illegally procured from him and when he protested more and more was procured from him;

From the history of the case, it may be observed that this allegation ~~viz., that paddy was illegally procured from him and when he protested more and more were procured~~ is not correct. Kind attention is invited to 'A' on page 27 c.f. and to para 10 on p. 30 c.f. It is seen that some confusion had prevailed in the whole matter regarding the ownership of the stocks of paddy kept in the houses of the lessees of the petitioner. As a result of the confusion, a portion of the petitioner's stock, as stated by the Collector, was or might have been procured by the Tahsildar, ~~and on~~ but after enquiry, the procured paddy ~~had been~~ was ordered to be returned to him. Further there had been a delay of some 8 or 9 months in issuing the permit by the Tahsildar.

Allegation (4) His old lessees were without paddy and refused to cultivate his lands. No paddy is available in the Agriculture Department. His petition requesting ~~to~~ the return the 2 bags of paddy procured from him was rejected by the Collector and the Board.

The petitioner says that the old lessees were without paddy and refused to cultivate his lands. Further he states that the Board has refused to interfere with the Collector's orders informing him that he could not be allowed 2 bags of paddy towards seed requirements. As the lessees were allowed the seed paddy from their shares, the petitioner contends that his lessees are not permanent lessees, and that they are not expected to cultivate his lands this year also and that the 2 bags have to be returned to him. Further, he has stated that the allowance had been wrongly made in the favour of the lessees.

It is seen that the Board has declined to interfere with the orders of the Collector rejecting the petitioner's request for the return of the 2 bags of paddy procured from him, for seed purposes, as the petitioner himself has to take up the matter with the lessees to whom seed allowances had been made by the procurement officials, and as the procurement officials cannot be blamed for making the allowance in favour of the ryots who had actual custody of the produce. As the petitioner is an absentee landlord, and as the lessees are the cultivating

ryots, the Board's view above is correct.

The Collector was asked to take action against the F.S.O. and the Tahsildar, with reference to 'X' on page 19 n.f. and 'Y' on page 20 n.f. The Collector has reported that the Tahsildar has been warned to avoid delay in the disposal of applications for permits and that the F.S.O. had already been reverted as clerk for bad work. The punishment would appear sufficient. A good deal of the confusion was caused by the petitioner himself in having allowed his own share of the paddy to be mixed up with his lessees' stocks. His lessees also were no respecters of the law.

Attention is invited to 'X' on page 7 of the Rev. Dept. File linked below. That Department have requested that this file may also be transferred to them so that all the allegations against the same Officer viz. the Tahsildar, Kudligi may be dealt with in one Dept. The file may therefore be accordingly transferred to that Dept. For orders.

The file may be transferred to Revenue Dept. for further action as desired by them in the top file.

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Revenue Department.

To U.S.

Notes from M on page 13 ante may be perused. This Department saw the file previously at page 7 ante. This file has been transferred to this Deptt. with reference to the note on page 7 n.f. in L.F.

2. A summary of the facts in this file will be found on pp. 13-21 ante. Sri R.V. Srinivasamurthi of Bellary submitted to Government petitions dated 5-8-49., 15-11-49., 15-12-49, 27-1-50 and 24-3-50. The allegations made by him in these petitions have been analytically summarised in points (1) to (4) on pp. 19-21 ante by Food and Agriculture Deptt

and dealt with. Ater examining in detail the several allegations made against the Tahsildar, that Department find that the only pa lapse on the part of the Tahsildar was in having delayed by about 5 or 9 months the grant of permi. for moving paddy belonging to the petitioner from Kudligi to his residence at Bellary, ~~by about 8 or 9 months~~. That Department also found that an F.S.O. had also committed a breach of rules by seizing two bags of rice unauthorisedly from the petitioner and by mislaying the ration card of one Moogappa a lesse under the petitioner. The Food and Agriculture Department addressed the Collector of Bellary and asked him to take action against ~~him~~ the F.S.O to submit a report and ~~to~~ the action taken in the matter in due course. The Collector of Bellary in his letter dated 13-3-50 intimated Govt. that the Tahsildar had been warned to avoid delays in the disposal of applications for permits and incidental correspondence pertaining thereto. As regards the Firka Supply Officer, the Collector reported that he had already been reverted for bad work as a Clerk. Food and Agriculture Department however consider that if the Tahsildar had delayed the issue of a permit for several months then a warning is too lenient a punishment.

3. Attention is also invited in this connectic to another petition from Sri R.V. Sreenivasamurthy containing additional allegations against this officer. The petitioner states that though he had remitted the assessment due from him the Tahsildar had initiated coercive measures against his ryot for collection of the amount due to the Government.

4. The report of the investigation made by the Collector of Bellary into the several allegations brought up by Sri R.V. Srinivasamurthy into the conduct of the Tahsildar reveals that there has been no corruption as such on the part of the Tahsildar. Presumably, in view of the absence of any proof of corruption so far, there has been no need or necessi

to consult the X-Branch on the case. The matter has so far been treated entirely on the department level. The Collector was asked by the Government to 'deal suitably' with the Tahsildar for his delay in the issue of a permit. Under Rule 12(a)(1) of the Civil Services (Classification Control and Appe Rules the Collector himself can impose penalties on a Tahsildar, the minimum of which is a 'Censure' and the maximum is compulsory retirement or removal from service. The Collector has only 'warned' the Tahsildar for his delay and 'warning' as such does not appear to constitute any punishment under the rules. Under rule 12(2)(b) and (c) a higher author can exercise its jurisdiction in respect of any penalty awarded by a lower authority in the matter/ such order will have the effect of superseding the order already passed by the lower authority. The Board of Revenue can no doubt effect the award of a highe punishment to the Tahsildar if Government consider that such increase is called for. In that case, the Board can be asked to re-examine the case and issue suitable orders. If the Government themselves want to impose a higher punishment the Commission will have to be consulted.-vide 20(a) of the M.P.S Regulation, 1937. With reference to the addition allegation made against the Tahsildar at pp. 1-4 c in L.F. it does not appear to deserve any further investigation as it was up to the petitioner to ge the information from the village headman if the Tahsildar had failed to reply him. In this connec tion it is submitted that Sri R.V. Srinivasamurthy is a persistent petitioner.

4. It is for orders whether any higher punish ment should be awarded to the Tahsildar and if so, what punishment. Food and Agriculture and Public (Services) may see for remarks, if any, before circulation.

Please see the Collector's report at X on p.14 C.F. It appears that the petitioner, being reluctant and unwilling to tender his surplus grains, kept his stock in the houses of his lessees. Since one of the lessees sold away some of the stock in the blackmarket and the lessees gave varying statements regarding the ownership of the stock before the Tahsildar, Kudligi, Sub-Collector, Hospet and the District Supply Officer, Bellary, an amount of confusion has prevailed throughout complicating the matter resulting in protracted correspondence and consequently there has been unavoidable delay. In the above circumstances, if an enhanced punishment is given to the officer, it may not help the procurement in the district, since the morale of the officers will be adversely affected and such an action may encourage anti-social elements from parting with their surplus grains. Hence the warning already given by the Collector may be sufficient.

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To AS X on p. 23 ante

~~Notes from 'A' on p.13 above and the Rev Dept. notes on pp. 1 to 24 above may be perused.~~ As any enhance punishment to the Tahr. will hamper the procurement in the district, Rev Dept. is of the view that the warning already given to him by the Coll'r may be sufficient. For orders whether their

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view may be agreed to, and the file passed on to Pub (Services) (In this connection, kind attention is invited to p. 261 of the Stock File proceedings p 23 above (Rev dept will no doubt give a reply to the petitioner).

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Public (Services-C) dept

The notes from xx on p 21 above may be perused. A on p 24 above may be agreed to in this dept also and the file returned to Revenue.

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Revenue dept

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Notes from page 21 ante (M on p 13 ante) may be perused. The file deals with certain allegations made by Sri. R. V. Srinivasa annuity of Bellary in his petitions dated 15-8-49, 15-11-49, 15-12-49 27-1-50 and 24-3-50 and about the procurement work of the Tahsildar Kudligi Bellary dt.

~~A summary of the facts of the case will be found at pages 21-24 ante~~. After examining in detail the several allegations made, Food & Agrl dept found that the only lapse on

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on the part of the Tahsildar was that he had delayed by about 8 or 9 months the grant of a permit for moving paddy belonging to the petitioner from Kudligi to his residence at Bellary. Met dept also found, that the F.S.O had also committed another breach of rules by seizing 2 bags of rice unauthorisedly from the petitioner and by misplacing the ration card of a lessee. As regards the 'A' advice and 'B' F & A dept asked the Collector of Bellary to take appropriate action - The Collector warned the Tahsildar, as the F.S.O had already been reverted for bad work, the Collector took no further action against the F.S.O. The question whether warning was too lenient a punishment in the circumstances under which the Tahsildar had delayed the grant of a permit by nearly 8 or 9 months was raised by F & A dept after examining this point, this dept considered that for the reasons set out at 'B' on page 24 ante the warning already given by the Collector is sufficient. F & A and Pub (Secy) depts agree with this depts' views at 'A' on page 21 ante. In the meanwhile the petitioner Sri R.V. Srinivasamurthy had made additional allegation mentioned at 'X' on page 22 ante on which this dept considers no action called for, for the reasons at 'B' on page 23 ante. The file may now be circulated to H.M (L&R)

✓ 'X' p 21 ante
⊥ A' p 1

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@ pp 24-25 ante

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for orders ~~on~~ with reference to this minute on page 1 C:F and for orders on 'X' and 'Y' on page 26 ante

6/7/8/50 2 Sri R.V. Srinivasamoorthy a persistent petitioner. ~~He~~ is also for orders whether any reply to him will be considered necessary as suggested by the Revd & Agri Deptt.

For orders at 'X', 'X' 1/2

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X: All the depts agree that no enlargement of punishment is necessary: that the warning is sufficient.

Y. No action is called for: the petitioner is a persistent petitioner & it never does to take notice of persistent grievances.

2. We may give him a terse reply, & ignore all subsequent petitions.

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HD (LR)

I know the man: He is one of those that believes in persistently pointing out some defect or other of the almn: Our officers are also working under a great strain & the slips they do occasionally give rise to complaints: I feel that no reply need be sent to the gentleman for the present

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Please see the notes from M on page 13 ante and the orders on page 27 ante H M (L.R) has ordered that no reply need be given to the petitioner Sri R. V. Srinivasamurthy for the present. A draft memo to the Bd of Rev is submitted for approval in this connection perusal is requested of a further petition was received from Sri R. V. Srinivasamurthy and the minutes of H M (Food) thereon at pages 1-66 c.f. The draft memo may issue after perusal by the Food and Agri Dept as and circulation to H. M (Food).

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Please see the notes of Rev above and the draft below. The case may be returned to Cat dept

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Notes from page 13 ante and the Food and Agn. dept note on page 28 ante may be perused. The file deals with certain allegations made by Sri. R. V. Sreenivasamurthy, Vakil Bellary against the Tahsildar Kudligi. For the facts of the case, please see the note on pages 25-27 ante. The orders in circulation are at page 27 ante. The draft memo below was submitted in accordance with the orders passed in circulation. The petitioner subsequently submitted another further petition which on pages 65-66 C.F on which H.M (Food) minuted that the connected file might be put up to him. ~~Food & Agn have since received the further petition and the minute of H.M (Food)~~. The file may now be circulated to H.M (Food) through H.M (L.R) before is the draft memo below. ~~and with reference~~